

10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

1. Read **books** everyday. Listen to a story attentively for at least 10 minutes.
2. Develop **fine motor skills**: (holding a pencil correctly, coloring in the lines, filling in the white spaces, cutting on lines with scissors)
3. Print **first name** with only the first letter capitalized.
4. Learn to follow **2-step instructions**: "Please go get your shoes and then put them on."
5. Use good **manners**: "Please" and "Thank You"
6. Talk about **social skills**: sharing, taking turns, positive words, talk about handling anger.
7. Help your child take **responsibility**: clean up their messes, dress themselves (button buttons, snap snaps & zip zippers), get their own snacks, proper bathroom etiquette.
8. Practice **number recognition**: Count objects daily to 10.
9. Practice **letter and sound recognition**: Practice saying the letters and their sounds every day.
10. Build **self-esteem**. Praise your child often because Kindergarten is hard!

