

At Home Practice

Dear Parents,

We are really moving along with our study of the letters, math skills and journal writing. To help ensure that your child continues making improvements and gaining knowledge we are asking that you continue practice at home. Below please find some examples of things you can do for additional practice.

Language Arts

1. Make upper and lowercase letter flash cards. These can be made out of index cards or purchasing a set from the store. Review these daily.
2. Once the letters are known begin reviewing the sounds for the letters.
3. Practice naming words that begin with each letter.
4. Say a word and have your child tell you what the word begins with.
5. Begin sounding out simple words. For example dog - /d/ /o/ /g/. This will help them begin stretching out the words and hearing multiple sounds in the words.
6. Review sight words. The entire list for the year is in your child's daily folder.
7. Read with your child daily. During and after reading please stop to ask comprehension and prediction questions. (Who, what, where, when and why questions).

Math

1. Make number flash cards 0-30 and begin reviewing daily.
2. Practice writing the numbers.
3. Practice counting to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's & 10's.

Fine Motor Skills

1. Practice cutting. This can be as simple as making a shape on a piece of paper and having your child cut it out. Try circles, squares, zigzag lines, and straight lines.
2. Playing with SMALL Lego's. This encourages small muscle control.
3. Take a bowl filled with beads. Have your child use tweezers to move the beads to an empty bowl. Again, this encourages small muscle control.
4. Coloring books are an excellent way to promote neat work. Practice staying in the lines, coloring everything in the picture (no white spots), and using appropriate colors for different objects in the picture.

Please use some of these tools listed to reinforce the skills taught at school. With a partnership between home and school your child will be successful in Kindergarten. Thank you for your continued support.

The Kindergarten Team