



# 10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for KINDERGARTEN



1. Read **books** everyday.
2. Develop **fine motor skills**: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting 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 messes, dress themselves, get their own snacks.
8. Practice **number recognition**: Count objects daily.
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!