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Dear St. Anthony parents of rising kindergartners:

We are very excited to meet each and every one of your children next year! They will have lots of fun and learn many things next year in kindergarten.

Since the students are out of school for over two months, it is beneficial for them to have some review and preparation over the summer. The following are suggestions for the rising kindergartners to work on over the summer. They will be extremely helpful in preparing your child for the 2018-2019 kindergarten year.

Rising Kindergartners Summer Suggestions

They include the following attachments:

- Recognition of alphabet letters and sounds.
- Counting to 50
- Students are asked to review the attached list of sight words. Sight words are the basic building blocks of reading and writing, and this list includes many words that are age appropriate for kindergarten readers. A helpful website for sight words is www.sightwords.com. This site provides help for parents, games and flash cards.
- Complete the attached activities:
 - June, July, and August family activities
 - Traits of kindergarten readiness
 - What parents can do to support their kindergartner.
- Read, read, read! The suggested reading list is posted on the school's website.
- Have a fun and relaxing summer!

Thank you for cooperation with these assignments. Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings.

Dolch Sight Words

Kindergarten (52 words)

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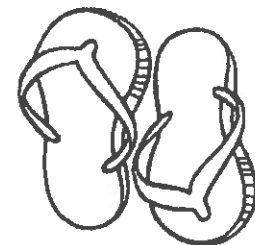
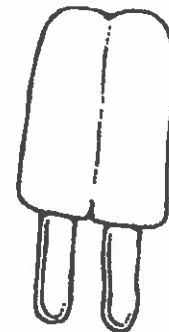
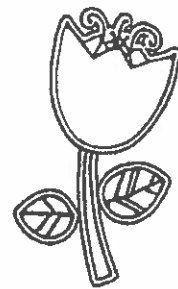
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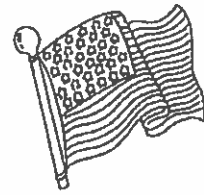
Fun Things to Do in June



- June 1 Find the first letter of your name on a cereal box
- June 2 Listen for bird sounds
- June 3 Hop down a driveway - count how many hops it takes
- June 4 Turn off lights around your house
- June 5 Count to 10
- June 6 Try to keep a ball up in the air without touching ground
- June 7 Help set the table for dinner
- June 8 Try to find a bug to study
- June 9 Draw circles with sidewalk chalk
- June 10 Taste a new food, tell what it tastes like
- June 11 Count how many squirrels you see all day
- June 12 Write your name with an purple crayon
- June 13 Ask someone to read your favorite book to you
- June 14 Find some foods that are green
- June 15 Share a toy with a friend
- June 16 Tell someone a joke
- June 17 Think of different words that mean BIG
- June 18 Cut coupons out of a paper
- June 19 Sing a song
- June 20 Make instant pudding
- June 21 Line up Matchbox cars and count them
- June 22 Roll a die and jump that many times
- June 23 Pick up your room
- June 24 Go to a park and swing
- June 25 Touch something that is rough
- June 26 Talk about the weather
- June 27 Think of stories with 3 main characters
- June 28 Look for puddles
- June 29 Count red cars you see
- June 30 Run around your house three times



Fun Things to Do in July



- July 1 Think of lots of different ways to say "good"
- July 2 Count the doors in your house
- July 3 Write your name with sidewalk chalk
- July 4 Make your own American flag with red, white and blue
- July 5 Ask someone to tell you a fairy tale
- July 6 In a bath or pool, find things that sink and float
- July 7 Think of lots of different weather words
- July 8 Tell how an ant is different than a bumblebee
- July 9 Practice saying your address
- July 10 Eat a vegetable
- July 11 Count 10 pieces of cereal and share them with a friend
- July 12 Look for flowers that are pink
- July 13 Measure your foot with small cars or hair barrettes
- July 14 Read a book about an animal
- July 15 Color letters you know in the paper with yellow marker
- July 16 Find someone who matches you in some way
- July 17 Who is tallest in your family, who is shortest?
- July 18 Run in the grass and on the sidewalk, which is easier?
- July 19 Go to the library and borrow a book
- July 20 Look for things that are shiny
- July 21 Eat lunch outside, listen for birds
- July 22 Think of something that is fast and something that is slow
- July 23 Jump one time as you say each letter of the alphabet
- July 24 Teach someone your favorite song
- July 25 Draw a picture of you, write your name and age on it
- July 26 Use toothpicks to make a square and a triangle
- July 27 Find something that feels rough
- July 28 Practice tying shoes
- July 29 Use the pictures to read a book to your Mom
- July 30 Give your Dad a hug
- July 31 Play tic tac toe





Fun Things to do in August



- Aug. 1 Measure how far you can jump
- Aug. 2 Build a tower using 12 blocks
- Aug. 3 Play a board game
- Aug. 4 Set a timer and clean your room until it rings
- Aug. 5 Walk in a circle 5 times around
- Aug. 6 Sing the alphabet song
- Aug. 7 Read a rhyming book
- Aug. 8 Think of 4 foods that are brown
- Aug. 9 Write your name with rainbow colors
- Aug. 10 Count 10 pennies - stack them up, make 2 stacks of 5
- Aug. 11 Look for shapes in the clouds
- Aug. 12 Tell your mom why you love her
- Aug. 13 Eat something green
- Aug. 14 Circle the first day of school on the calendar
- Aug. 15 Think of a nursery rhyme you know
- Aug. 16 Think of your favorite animal, tell why you like it
- Aug. 17 Tell someone one safety rule
- Aug. 18 Run around your house
- Aug. 19 Help people remember to save electricity
- Aug. 20 Draw a picture of your house
- Aug. 21 Write your name with magnetic letters
- Aug. 22 What is the same about candy and ice cream?
- Aug. 23 Look for things that are white
- Aug. 24 Think of an animal that moves fast & one that moves slowly
- Aug. 25 Tell someone about your favorite thing to do
- Aug. 26 Count how many airplanes you see or hear today
- Aug. 27 Look for things that are shaped like a square
- Aug. 28 Stand on one foot, count until you put the other foot down
- Aug. 29 Use buttons or pennies to measure a pencil, count them!
- Aug. 30 Blow bubbles
- Aug. 31 Think of words that rhyme with cat



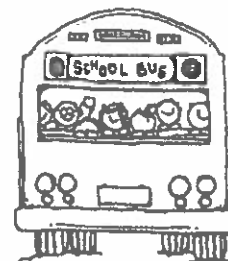
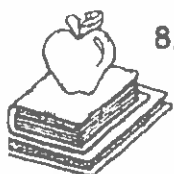


Kindergarten Readiness



Many parents ask what their child needs to know before Kindergarten. It is really a combination of skills, behaviors and attitudes that determine each child's readiness for Kindergarten. The following list includes some of the traits that are important for a successful transition to Kindergarten.

1. Respects people and materials (Ready to follow rules, attempts to solve simple problems independently, willing to cooperate.)
2. Independently takes care of personal needs (Dresses self, uses bathroom independently, cleans up after self, uses tissues and asks for help when necessary.)
3. Recognizes own name in print. (Identifies name on mailbox and locker.)
4. Uses scissors, glue, markers, pencils and crayons appropriately. (Holds scissors comfortably, writes name legibly, draws recognizable shapes and figures.)
5. Follows simple directions (Listens and remembers what he or she is asked to do independently.)
6. Takes turns. (Shares toys and materials, able to wait to share thoughts, or receive individual help or attention.)
7. Respects personal space. (Keeps hands and legs to self when sitting in a group. Understands when and how to appropriately make physical contact with others.)
8. Uses books on a regular basis. (Enjoys stories, listens without being distracted, wants to read or be read to, is familiar with some nursery rhymes, rhyming songs and books.)
9. Recognizes some letters and numbers. (Recent research shows successful kindergartners identify at least 8 alphabet letters when they enter school.)
10. Demonstrates self control. (Able to contain emotions, try new things, interact with children and adults.)
11. Is excited to start school and is eager to learn. (Ready for independent experiences, wants to be part of a group.)





Dear Parents,

We are so happy to have this opportunity to spend a small amount of time with next year's kindergarten students. We hope they will have a great time, and that this experience will alleviate a little anxiety they might have about beginning school in the fall.

We are attaching a calendar of fun activities for you and your child to do together this summer. Also, we are attaching a list of readiness skills that are important for a successful transition to Kindergarten. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to meeting you in the fall!

What else can I do?

Talk often with your child to build listening and talking skills

1. Talk with your child often ... as you eat together, shop for groceries, walk to school, wait for a bus. As she gets ready for school, ask about the stories and poems she is reading and what projects she has in science or art time. Ask about friends and classmates (encourage her to use their names) and to describe the games they like to play together. Ask questions that will encourage her to talk, and not just give "yes" or "no" answers.
2. Have your child use his imagination to make up and tell you stories. Ask questions that will encourage him to expand the stories.

PARENT TALK

- "Why didn't the dog just run away?"
- "Where did the boy live?"
- "What kind of eyes did the monster have?"

3. Have a conversation about recent family photographs. Ask your child to describe each picture: who is in it, what's happening, and where the picture was taken.
4. Listen to your child's questions patiently and answer them just as patiently. If you don't know the answer to a question; work together to find one (look things up in a book or on the computer, for example.)
5. Talk about books that you've read together. Ask your child about favorite parts and characters and answer his questions about events or characters.

