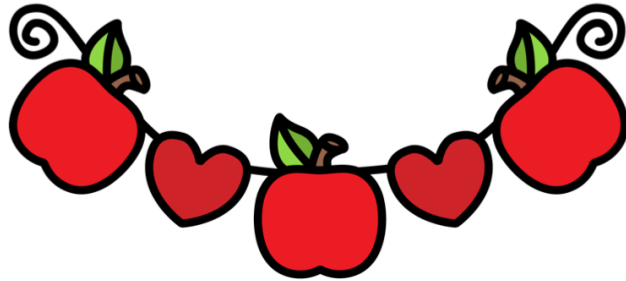


Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten!



Kindergarten is a year full of so much learning and growth! Here are some suggestions to get your child ready for the upcoming school year.

1. Read **books** with your child every day! Have your child practice turning the pages and pointing to each word as you read. Talk about the characters, setting, and story plots.
2. Practice **letter** and **sound recognition**! Play games to practice identifying uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds.
3. Practice **number recognition** and **counting**! Count groups of objects up to 10 and count by ones from 0 to 20.
4. Practice spelling and writing your child's **name**! If they are ready, practice writing with lowercase letters except for the first letter.
5. Practice **writing skills**! Play games to practice writing uppercase letters and numbers.
6. Practice **fine motor skills**! Practice holding a pencil correctly, coloring neatly, and using scissors.
7. Talk about **social skills**, such as sharing, taking turns, being kind, and using good manners.
8. Practice **self-help skills** to help build your child's independence! Work on zipping coats and backpacks, opening snack containers, and tying shoes.