



*El Rincon Elementary
School*

*Getting Ready for
Kindergarten*



Here are some helpful tips to make the transition into Kindergarten a successful one for your child.

Schedule

- ☆ *A few weeks prior to school start the schedule of going to bed early and getting up early so your child will be well rested on the first week of school.*
- ☆ *Have your child practice getting himself/herself dressed and ready for school.*
- ☆ *Remember the importance of starting the day with a good breakfast,*
- ☆ *Discuss with your child some of the scheduling for school: Learning time, Recess/Snack time, Learning Time, Lunch/Recess, Learning Time, Pick Up.*
- ☆ *Please make sure to send your child a snack for snack time and let them know if he/she will be buying a lunch in the cafeteria or bringing one from home.*
- ☆ *Discuss the after school plans; will you be picking him/her up or will he/she go to an after school program?*

READ READ READ

- ☆ Point to the words as you read stories to them.
- ☆ Let them retell the story to you.
- ☆ Play rhyming games (The cat sat on a fat hat.)
- ☆ Read EVERY day.

Practice

- ☆ Let your child use scissors to cut straight lines, jagged lines and curved lines.
- ☆ Have your child practice holding a pencil and writing his/her first and last name.
- ☆ Practice colors with him/her, ask what color is the grass? what color is your shirt? etc.
- ☆ Let your child play with puzzles and blocks.
- ☆ Make sure your child can say the alphabet and recognize most of the letters.
- ☆ Make sure your child can count to twelve (12) and recognize the numbers to 12.
- ☆ Let your child take on new responsibilities at home such as picking up their toys or cleaning off the table.

READ READ READ

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Positive and Exciting Time

- ☆ *Discuss with your child how this is such an exciting time in their lives.*
- ☆ *Discuss the importance of being kind and respecting others.*
- ☆ *Remind them of the importance of classroom rules and procedures. Many children are not accustomed to being in a classroom with 19 other children. Talk to your child about raising their hand, keeping their hands and feet to themselves, taking turns, sharing, listening ears and so forth.*
- ☆ *Be positive, this will help your child to be positive.*
- ☆ *Arrive promptly on the first day, but remember to leave cheerfully when the teacher is ready to begin class. Your presence may distract from this new and exciting adventure your child is about to begin.*