



Every year we are asked, "What can I do to prepare my child for kindergarten?" Needless to say, kindergarten has changed since we have been in school. Your upcoming kindergartner will have rigorous reading, math, and writing standards. We have made this checklist as a guide to help you support your child at home with the upcoming kindergarten objectives.

### Reading:

- ❖ Recognize letter names (capital and lower case letters)
- ❖ Be to say the letter sounds
- ❖ Practice reading comprehension (reading aloud to your child and asking questions like "who, what, when, where, how, and why")
- ❖ Read non-fiction stories (real stories) and talk about what your child learned from the story
- ❖ Practice recognizing rhyming words and coming up with words that rhyme.

### Math:

- ★ Rote counting up to at least 20
- ★ Rote counting backwards from 10
- ★ Recognize numerals up to at least 20
- ★ Recognize basic shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle)
- ★ Recognize basic colors (red, blue, orange, purple, black, green, yellow, brown)
- ★ Be able to put numbers in order up to 20

## Writing:

- \* Be able to write their name (first name) Draw a picture to match an idea and try to label their picture (for example, they draw a picture of what they did over summer break and they label names for the people in the picture)
- \* Write the letters of the alphabet (upper and lower case)

## Motor Skills:

- ❖ Be able to tie their shoes
- ❖ Cut out pictures and glue them (craft types of things)

This is just a foundation for what your child will be learning in kindergarten. They will build on these skills from the first day of school. Our primary goal is to help your child be successful in kindergarten and to be ready for 1st grade by the end of the year. This list may seem daunting. Be assured that just spending time with your child (even just as little as 15 minutes a day) and pointing out things you notice (letters in the name of a grocery store, the numbers in order in the grocery store aisles, etc.) will benefit your child greatly.

# Spalding Method

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the year, we implement a program called Spalding. Spalding involves learning the most common sounds that each letter and letter combinations make in the English language (called phonograms). We will be reviewing the sounds everyday (the sounds that we have already learned and the sounds that we will introduce that week). At the end of the week, we will give an oral phonogram review by calling out a sound orally and having the students write the letter or letters that make the sound(s). The goal is to have the students use phonograms in words they read and spelling word lists that follow specific spelling rules that have been taught.

The goal of the Spalding program is to incorporate seeing, saying, and writing phonics sounds and rules to become better readers and writers. Kindergarten Teachers will be sending home phonogram cards as we introduce them so that you can practice at home with your child.

We can't wait to see how much your child will grow in their reading and writing this year!!

-Ms. Barlet and Mrs. Sullivan  
-Mrs. Tepper and Mrs. Hale



# Kindergarten Sight Word List

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# Sycamore Elementary School Kindergarten Supply List

Thank you for the donations of supplies! Your generosity goes far in helping supply our classroom teachers with materials to enhance your child's education. You'll notice that some grade levels have extensive lists; please donate the supplies you can. However, the supplies in the box are necessary for your child to have. Teachers will take donations and be responsible for distributing supplies to each student. It is absolutely appropriate if you would like to build your child's own "Pencil Box" with the materials they will use on a daily basis. Again, teachers will use the other donated supplies to restock your child's individual materials throughout the year. We also acknowledge that some supplies may not be readily available. Please know how much we appreciate your support.

Thank You!

-The Kindergarten Team

## RECOMMENDED:

- Please have your child have two pencil boxes labeled with their name and filled with the following supplies ready to go: 4 pencils, a pink eraser, a pair of scissors, 2 thin black dry erase Expo markers, a box of crayons, two glue sticks, and one highlighter (One box is needed for AM and one box is needed for PM)
- Please also have your child's binder labeled with their name on it.
- Reusable Water Bottle with name on it
- Cans of Lysol Spray
- Clorox wipes (3 canisters)

## **Supplies:**

- 6 packs of Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors (red, yellow, green, blue)
- 1- 1 inch binder with pockets
- 12 glue sticks
- 4 THIN black dry erase Expo markers
- 2 packs of pencils (preferred brand-Ticonderoga)
- 1 ream of white copy paper (Girls only)
- 1 ream of colored copy paper (Boys only)
- 1 box of gallon storage bags
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 ream of colored card stock paper (Boys only)
- 1 ream of white card stock paper (Girls only)
- 1 box of sandwich storage bags
- 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer
- 4 pink erasers
- Extra snacks: goldfish, pretzels, graham crackers, animal cookies (extra snacks need to be individually wrapped)
- 2 pencils boxes