

Resources for Parents

Book

[Ready For Kindergarten By: Deborah J. Stewart](#) - Give your child a running start into kindergarten! Deborah helps parents see how simple, experiential, even play-based activities that are easily woven into a child's and parent's day can help make a difference.

Websites

[Colorin Colorado](#) – A bilingual site for families and educators

[Scholastic Parents](#) - Tips on children's books, reading, learning, and activities

[Reading Rockets](#) – Launching Young Readers

Resources for Students

Websites

[Starfall](#) - Free site to teach the basics of reading. Features interactive books and phonics games .

[Bedtime Math](#) - Helps kids love numbers so they can handle the math in real life .

Apps

Reading Eggs

Magnetic ABC

Sort It Out 1 and 2

Word Bingo

Drawing Pad or Doodle Buddy

Puppet Pals or Toontastic Jr.

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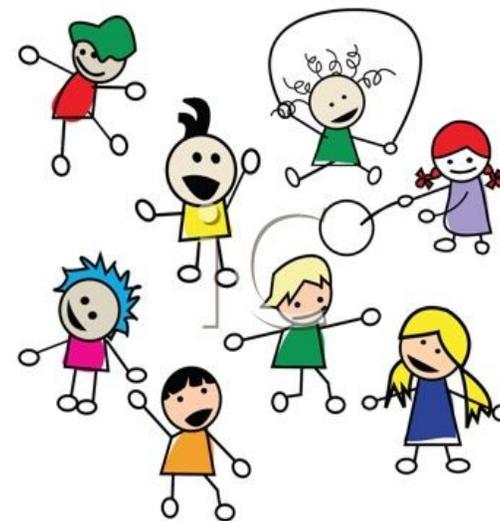
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Kindergarten Readiness

On the way to K!



QCSD Mission

Our mission is to maximize the achievement of each student and to empower all students to become productive citizens. "Enter to Learn... Leave to Serve." -

READY!

As a parent and care giver you can help prepare your child for Kindergarten.

The early childhood years are an amazing time of growth and development, and each stage of life is just as important as the next when it comes to helping young children prepare for success in Kindergarten. *Ready For Kindergarten*, (Deborah J. Stewart) .

SET!

Children have a natural curiosity about the world around them. You can increase their curiosity by showing interest in what they are doing and saying.

GO!

You can help your child prepare for Kindergarten by providing engaging and purposeful exploration and play experiences.

QCSD Vision

The district's vision is to prepare its students to be lifelong learners, who are able to pursue academic and career excellence, exhibit personal responsibility, participate as citizens in our democracy, and contribute to society. The goal of the school board is to achieve excellence in education consistent with its mission statement, while exercising responsible stewardship of community resources.

Language and Vocabulary Development

- Read aloud often. Read a variety of books, including books that rhyme, books about colors, zoo animals and community helpers.
- Use puppets or dress up clothes to tell a story.
- Go on outings to the zoo, library, pumpkin patch, park, and other places which will help introduce your child to new words.
- Spend time with sand and water play.
- Collect a variety of small items from outdoors that can be used for comparing, sorting and counting games.

Speaking and Listening Development

- Practice taking turns in conversations.
- Encourage your child to ask for help when needed.
- Practice telling stories.

Social, Emotional & Health Development

- Encourage your child how to share feelings with words.
- Support your child in the participation in physical activities.
- Take your child to regular check ups at the doctor and dentist.
- Set a regular bedtime and eat a healthy and well balanced diet.
- Practice independence with daily routines, such as washing hands, taking on/off coat, opening backpacks, and managing bathroom needs.

Fine & Gross Motor Skill Development

- Practice cutting straight and curvy lines with scissors.
- Hold a pencil properly.
- Color and draw pictures.
- Manipulate play dough into different shapes.
- Roll, throw, toss, bounce and kick a ball.

Academic Skills

- Write name using uppercase and lowercase letters properly. For instance, Ben not BEN.
- Recognize name in written form.
- Recognize numbers to 10.
- Can count objects and sets of objects.
- Count to 10 or higher.
- Identify upper and lowercase letters.
- Know each letter has at least one specific sound.
- The sounds of familiar letters such as the first letter in name.
- Identify numbers 1-10.
- Draw a self portrait.
- Hold a book correctly and turn the pages.
- Tell a story by looking at the front cover and pictures of a book.
- Experience with rhyme and word play.
- Recognize colors and shapes.
- Sing and make up simple songs