



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Your child will soon enter into an exciting new world, full of promise and engaging instructional activities.

Instruction in Kindergarten is guided by the Florida Standards which can be viewed at: http://www.flstandards.org/resources/parents_families.aspx

Listed in this flyer are some of the critical math and literacy skills in which your child will be engaged during Kindergarten.

Math:

- Using numbers to represent quantities
- Solving quantitative problems
- Counting objects in a set or counting out a given number of objects
- Joining or separating objects in simple situations
- Comparing sets or numerals
- Using simple equations such as $5 + 2 = 7$ and $7 - 2 = 5$
- Describing 2 dimensional shapes in different size/orientation (such as squares, triangles, rectangles)
- Describing 3 dimensional shapes (such as cones, cubes, spheres)
- Using basic shapes to model objects in their environment & to construct complex shapes

Literacy:

- Phonics & word recognition
- Print concepts
- Phonological awareness
- Identification of key ideas and details in text
- Comprehension of both fiction and non-fiction literature
- Oral language, vocabulary and communication development
- Engaging in literacy activities with purpose & understanding
- Beginning writing skills

Your child's teacher will be your primary source of information.

For additional information please contact the Department of Curriculum @ 772-429-5544.

Or visit <http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/departments/curriculum/index.aspx>

We look forward to sharing a fantastic Kindergarten year with your child!

Strategies for Helping Your Child Transition to Kindergarten

<p style="text-align: center;">Reading/Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read together every day (talk about the parts of a book and ask questions while reading) • Practice letters and letter sounds • Have paper and pencil available all the time 	<p style="text-align: center;">Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice counting numbers in sequence • Practice counting objects and telling "how many" • Practice naming and describing shapes
<p style="text-align: center;">Social/Emotional</p> <p>Encourage your child to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use manners every day (please & thank you; may I use the restroom; I'm sorry; yes ma'am, no ma'am; yes sir; no sir) • ask for help when needed • practice telling personal information (name, age, gender) • play and share with other children & problem-solve when necessary 	<p style="text-align: center;">Independence</p> <p>Encourage your child to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go the bathroom and wash his/her hands independently • fasten and unfasten simple buttons, belts, and snaps independently • blow his/her nose independently & cover his/her mouth when coughing • open up his/her own snacks and drinks and eat neatly

Activities for Practicing Important Skills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Practice writing letters, numbers, names, words, etc. in sand, sugar, or shaving cream. *Encourage your child to write, draw pictures & read their story back to you (praise their efforts at this beginning stage-a single letter representing a word is a great start)! *Write in a journal to tell about your summer adventures so your child makes the connection between oral and written language & sees examples of conventional writing. *Help your child use child scissors, markers, paint, and construction paper to make props.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hunt for letters, numbers, and words when you are in the car, at the store, or taking a walk. *Have your child help you with your shopping list & finding the items in the store. *Ask you child to count things! Examples: Steps it takes to get from one room to the next; How many shells (s)he collects on the beach; How many blocks in the tower they build
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Visit the local library. Libraries often offer free programs in the summer. *Ask your child to retell their favorite parts of stories and act them out. *Ask your child to predict what will happen next in a story then check their prediction! *Have your child find & identify shapes & patterns on clothing, outside, & in stories. *Encourage your child to ask questions & explore topics that interest them.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Allow your child to help you cook and set the table for meals. *Have your child help you read and follow simple recipes. *Let your child sort your silverware. *Encourage your child to clean up after themselves & take care of their room
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