



Getting Ready for KINDERGARTEN



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PARENTING CURRICULUM RESOURCES

During these unprecedented times of COVID-19, it is important to highlight that parents who possess leadership skills should practice parent to parent information sharing. Parent to parent sharing provides support, increases knowledge and develops meaningful relationships with other parents.

Please visit <https://earlylearninglab.org/stay-play-grow/> for more information.

The Stay Play Grow App is a great resource to provide.

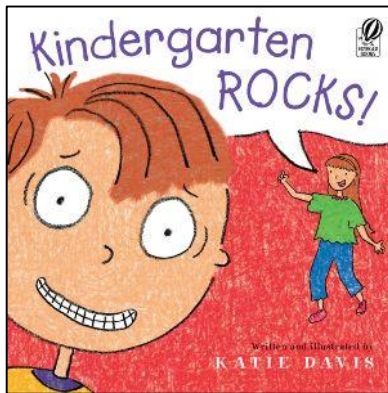
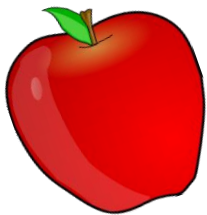
The app was designed to ensure parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 have quality and easy-to-access resources when they need them most and offers content for families in English and Spanish.



SECOND STEP

Kindergarten Rocks!

By Katie Davis

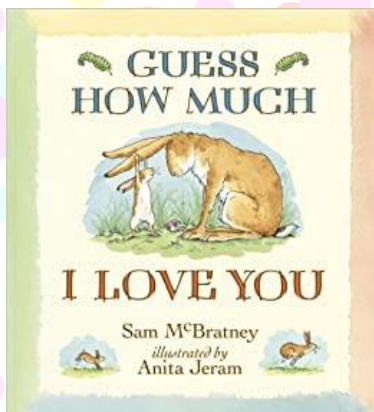


Explore the [Second Step COVID-19 Support page](#) and click the section labeled [DIY SEL Summer Camp-Free!](#) This Second Step resource has daily activities for Pre-K through middle school.

Check out the [third Monday activity](#) to help your child practice taking turns. As children learn to take turns, they also learn how to get along with others and work cooperatively.

VIRTUAL BOOKSHELF

Guess How Much I Love You
By Sam McBratney



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



HOME-BASED CURRICULUM: PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)

For Parents: Kindergarten Readiness

Amazing, your child will be starting kindergarten before you know it! You can help by offering opportunities for him to grow in ways that will lead to academic success later.

As your child's first teacher, you play an important role in his readiness. The most important skills and abilities when children start school are not skills like naming letter and counting. What they need are social-emotional abilities like getting along with others and working on their own without disrupting the classroom.

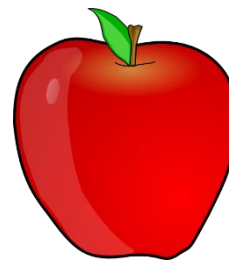
Your child learns skills like naming letters and counting best through play and everyday experiences.

- Encourage your child's learning by praising him warmly for trying.
- Give him helpful suggestions.
- Answer his questions patiently.
- Show him how to do things.
- Be careful not to criticize your child or try to force him to learn something new, he will be less likely to understand and remember.

For Home Visitors/Educators:

Help parents to understand that the more experience their child is exposed to, the more prepared they will be for school. Encourage parents to reflect and think about their child. Use the following reflection questions:

1. How are you helping your child prepare for kindergarten?
2. What challenges do you think your child may face?
3. In which areas do you think your child will do well?



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Parent Activity: Learning Game # 160

Move Up Five

Your child may already know how to count to five, but he may not understand that each number from one to five stands for a definite quantity. He will practice using the words for numbers up to five as he verbally and physically counts fivespaces on the game board. Numbers are used every day by your child and he will continue to practice counting skills as he grows older.

The Creative Curriculum Learning Games Copyright 2007 Joseph Sparling

Also, when children enter kindergarten, they will learn how to count to one hundred by ones (1,2, 3,4...) but also by fives, (5, 10, 15...). This is a great way to practice this skill and to have fun while doing it!

For Educators: *(Creative Curriculum for Preschool, Volume 1, the Foundation, page 106.)*

"Children are said to have number sense when they have intuitive understandings about numbers and their relationships. As children gain a sense of number they understand, for example, what 3 means in terms of quantity. They learn that "threeness" can be represented by the numerical 3, the word three, and a set of three objects. They begin to explore the relationships among quantities and learn the meaning of more, less, fewer, and the same."

When playing simple finger games, such as "Five Little Monkeys," show the number 5 along with five fingers, as well as the word "five." This will help the child understand the connection and they have fun while learning!

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