



## **Suggested Summer Activity List For Students Entering Kindergarten**

Play is the work of children. Children entering the early years of school benefit from directed play and learning activities. Hopefully, over the long summer months you and your child will find this list of suggestions both fun and beneficial.

Enjoy the great variety of children's books and poetry, every day

Reread favorite stories

"Play read" by reading the pictures to parents/siblings

Practice counting and recognizing and writing numbers 1 - 20

Practice naming and writing ABC's -- upper and lower case

Practice letter sounds (not vowels)

Practice writing first and last names

Learn to recognize environmental print; i.e. stop sign, cereal boxes candy bars, etc.

Begin learning to tie shoes

Practice fastening buttons and

zippers; putting on coats/jackets and sweaters

Play board games (don't forget, learning to lose is a valuable life lesson)

String beads

Sewing cards

Cut out paper shapes with scissors

Children love to help around the house -- sorting socks, setting the table, putting away toys, gardening

More books to enjoy together...

My Friend Rabbit, by Eric Rohmann

Wemberly Worried, by Kevin Henkes

Olivia, by Ian Falconer

26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

Action Alphabet by Marty Neumeler and Byron Glazer

Alphabatics by Suse MacDonald

Annabelle Swift, Kindergarten by Amy Schwartz

Anno's Alphabet by Mitsumasa Anno

Big Orange Splot by Daniel Pinkwater

Carl books by Alexandra Day

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

Fairy Tales

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie (series) by Laura Numeroff

Is Your Mama a Llama? by Steven Kellogg  
Little Bear by Elsa Manklin  
M&M Counting Book by Barbara Barbieri McGrath  
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey  
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate  
Mother Goose by Tomie dePaola  
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young edited by Jack Prelutsky  
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews  
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Brown  
Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak  
The Happy Hocky Family by Lane Smith  
A Hole is to Dig by Maurice Sendak  
Maggie B by Irene Haas

### **Suggested Authors**

Jan Brett  
Norman Bridwell  
Eric Carle  
Jamie Lee Curtis  
Lois Ehlert  
Mem Fox  
Gail Gibbons  
Pat Hutchins  
Bill Martin  
Mercer Mayer  
Bernard Most  
Robert Munsch  
Dr. Seuss  
David Shannon  
Lee Wade  
Audrey and Dawn Wood