

St. José Sanchez Del Rio Catholic School

Welcomes You To

Kindergarten

Your child's kindergarten year is a fun-filled experience of hands-on learning promising to last a lifetime. Below you will find a list of skills designed to help prepare your child for the upcoming year. We ask that you practice these skills regularly over the summer. Also provided are book titles for you to share with your child throughout the summer. We are sure you have many favorites you would also like to read with your child. Reading aloud to your child is a great way to help begin to learn important reading skills. Summer reading is very much encouraged to not only provide fun, but to build reading readiness skills.

Skills your child should know before the first day of school:

- Hold a pencil correctly
- Count to at least 30
- Be able to listen and follow 2-3 step directions
- Be able to state first and last name
- Be able to write first name with upper case first letter and all others lower case
- Know basic colors; red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, blue, white, and black
- Hold a pair of scissors and cut in a straight line
- Use the restroom independently (unbutton/button, zip/unzip pants, wash and wipe hands.
- Tie shoes, tuck in shirt, zip jacket

Fun and educational apps :

- Starfall ABCs
- Rhyming Bee Rocket Speller

- Endless ABC

Suggested Book Titles

- **Cat in the Hat**
- **Green Eggs and Ham**
- **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish**
- **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see**
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
- **Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom**
- **Chicka, Chicka 1, 2, 3**
- **The Very Lonely Firefly**
- **Click, Clack, Moo Cows that type**
- **Giggle, Giggle Quack**

Fun ideas for you and your Child:

- Have your child write with several different type options (crayons, colored pencils, markers) to keep his/her interested in writing and drawing.
- Playing with play dough to strengthen muscles of the hand that will be used for writing
- Practice cutting (under supervision) with child safe scissors. Cut pictures out of magazines and glue on paper.
- Play Simon Says with two or three step directions.
- Play games to help your child recognize some letters and sounds of the alphabet.

Fun websites for learning for summer fun:

- Prodigy (Math)
play.prodigygame.com
- Readworks
www.readworks.org