

Parents As Teachers

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

113 LINE STREET

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO 64024

Parents as Teachers is a voluntary, early childhood parent education and family support program designed to help parents give their children (ages birth—five) the best possible start in life.

Evidence shows that PAT children at age three are significantly more advanced than comparison children in language, problem solving, and other cognitive abilities and social development. Additionally, PAT children score higher on kindergarten readiness tests and standardized measures of reading, math, and language in early elementary grades.

PAT parents are more involved in their children's schooling which is highly related to a child's success in school. They are also more confident in their parenting skills and knowledge and have read more to their children which leads to future school success.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Elkhorn Elementary

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Lewis Elementary

501 Leavenworth Street
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Westview Elementary

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EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
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KINDERGARTEN READINESS SKILLS

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Getting Ready for Kindergarten...

Sending your child to kindergarten is an exciting time. However, this huge milestone can leave many parents and children feeling anxious. You may even find yourself asking, "Is my child ready for kindergarten?" To help prepare your son/daughter for the adventure that lies ahead, we have prepared a list of essential skills that will help each of you prepare for this journey!

Reading & Writing Skills

Reading and writing skills are critical elements to a kindergartener's success. You can help boost this success by working with the following skills before your child enters kindergarten.

- ◆ Recites ABCs
- ◆ Recognizes letters of the alphabet
- ◆ Reads and writes his/her name
- ◆ Makes rhymes
- ◆ Can draw, tell, and retell a story
- ◆ Echoes simple text that is read to them
- ◆ Recognizes that text holds meaning
- ◆ Holds books right side up with spine on the left and front cover showing

Math Skills

Although our kindergarten teachers will continue to reinforce/teach many of the skills listed below, helping your child master these skills before kindergarten can provide a great jumpstart to the year!

- ◆ Recognizes numbers 1-10
- ◆ Rote counts to at least 10
- ◆ Counts at least 10 objects
- ◆ Writes numbers to at least 10
- ◆ Recognizes colors
- ◆ Recognizes shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle) & can sort them by shape, size, & color

Self-Help Skills

Self-help skills ease the transition to kindergarten for parent, student, and teacher. The following list is the essential self-help skills that every kindergartner should possess.

- ◆ Recites birthday, address, & phone number
- ◆ Ties shoes & zips up a coat/jacket
- ◆ Follows a set of directions the first time
- ◆ Holds a pencil correctly
- ◆ Seeks help or attention appropriately

Practicing the Essential Skills

There are a number of different ways to practice any of these skills, but the most important thing you can do for your child is READ with them daily. Many of these essential skills can be acquired through this important time you spend with your child. Below is a list of more learning fun.

- ◆ Letter recognition memory games
- ◆ Counting household items
- ◆ Writing everyday (cards, lists, notes, etc.)
- ◆ Rhyming and singing songs
- ◆ Sorting items

Websites for Young Learners

www.starfall.com

www.softschools.com

www.abcya.com

www.spellingcity.com