KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

Kindergarten Countdown provides families with examples of fun activities that support future school success. The activities are designed to promote the early literacy skills of talking, reading, singing, writing, playing, fine motor skills, and self-help.

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Visit **ccclib.org/kindergarten-countdown** to learn more about each early literacy skill by watching the videos, exploring the booklists, and trying some of the suggested activities with your child/children. Work at your own pace and keep it simple. It is best to incorporate these skills into things you are already doing with your child/children.

The materials included in this kit can often be used to reinforce more than one of the early literacy skills.

- **Shaker:** Watch the Singing video for ideas on how singing with your child can prepare them to learn to read. Make an egg shaker by filling it with interesting sounding objects, and use the shaker to add interest to your singing sessions.

- **Spectacular "I Spy" Spectacles:** Cut out and decorate the paper spectacles (glasses) and use them to play the "I Spy" game described in the second Talking video.

- **Marvelous Me Finger Puppet:** Use the finger puppet to talk, sing, and play with your child. The Playing videos give more ideas for incorporating more play into your day.

- **Blank Book:** For ideas on how creating your own book can reinforce reading skills, watch the Reading videos.

- **Playdough, letter and number templates, and sheet protector:** Watch the Writing videos for ideas on developing writing skills in a playful way. Put the letter and number templates inside the sheet protector and use the playdough to shape the letters and numbers.

- **Cutting Sheet:** Watch the Fine Motor skills videos - especially the cutting video. Work with your child on using scissors to cut along the dotted lines.

- **Fun with Sound:** Use the instruction sheet and sound box hand-out to play games with sounds in words.

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