



Incoming Junior Kindergarten-Reading Choice Activities

(with an adult)

Directions: Color in the completed reading activities. Bring this to school on the first day of school. The goal is to read at least 10 books this summer.

read a book with a flashlight	read a book you love	read a book under a blanket	read a book about animals
read a rhyming book	read a fiction book	read a book about bugs	read a book to your stuffed animals
read a book on the couch	read a book outside	read a book with your family	read a nonfiction book
read a book with a quiet voice	read a book in your room	build a fort and read the book inside of it	read a book with superheroes in it
read a book in the pool	read a book with someone you love	read a book that makes you laugh	read a book to a baby or pet

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD:

<u>Before Reading:</u> Look at the title and the picture on the cover of the book... What do you think this book will be about?	Who are the characters in the book? How would you describe each character? What is the setting? What do you predict will happen next? What happened in the beginning, middle, and end?	<u>After Reading:</u> What was your favorite part of the book? Were your predictions correct? How would you change the ending of the book?
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Summer Math-Suggested Activities

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It's never too early to explore numbers with your child. Real life often provides the best opportunities to develop early math skills like counting and recognizing numbers. These ideas will help your child to explore numbers, giving them a great start to developing early math skills and concepts. Below are some ideas to explore mathematical concepts with your child in preparation for Junior Kindergarten.

1. Listen to and sing songs and rhymes

Sing – even if it isn't your strong point! Sing counting songs, such as '10 Green Bottles', '1, 2, Buckle My Shoe' and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'. Singing songs is a good way for children to become familiar with counting. Don't worry if they choose the same songs again and again!

2. Talk about numbers around you

Numbers are all around us, from calendars to the remote control, cell phones, street signs to car license plates. Try pointing out numbers when you're out and about – on front doors, signs, the front of buses and restaurant menus. Talking about numbers around you early and often will show your child that numbers are part of everyday life. Choose a 'Number of the Week' and see how many times you can spot this number, around the house, out in the street or in the supermarket.

3. Read together

Share a book with your child. There are many fantastic books based around numbers, but any book can be used to help children develop early counting and number recognition skills. Take time to talk about what your child can see on each page. Count objects on the page, and compare the number of objects from page to page. Look at the page numbers and say them together. [40 children's books that foster love of math.](#)



4. Count as much as you can

Count whenever you can – count together, as well as let your child see and hear you counting. Practice chanting numbers and, as your child's confidence grows, start from different numbers – 5, 6, 7, etc. Count real objects – your child's toy cars, pencils, shoes, or the number of stairs in your house. Don't worry if your child remembers the answer – they can count to check!

Try to stick to a single type of object for each counting activity, and encourage your child to touch or pick up each object as they count it. Ask your child to help you sort cutlery or laundry, counting as you sort. When you go out for a walk, count your footsteps, the number of cars or houses you see, etc.

5. Get your hands dirty

Help your child to learn the numerals by exploring their shapes. Have fun forming numbers in sand with a stick, on the pavement with chalk or on sheets of paper with finger paints. Make numbers out of modeling clay. Form numbers out of small objects such as pieces of pasta or beads. Try holding your child's finger and forming the number in the air. All these activities can help your child to become more familiar with numerals and enjoy themselves in the process!