

## What Your Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten

- Some of the most important things a parent can do to prepare their child for Kindergarten are....
  - 1) Teach kindness and respect (for rules, property and people) Pray with your child.
  - 2) Give them responsibilities and follow through.
  - 3) Do activities at home where your child has to listen without interrupting; take turns; focus on the same activities for 15 min. and use manners.
  - 4) Read to your child regularly.
  - 5) Make eye contact with your child while they are speaking to you, showing them that you are interested in what they say.
  - 6) Praise and encourage your child. Do not criticize your child. This can discourage them for trying new things and lower self confidence.
  
- Non – Academic things your child needs to know and be able to do:
  - 1) Put on and take off own coat.
  - 2) Take turns and share.
  - 3) Sit quietly and listen
  - 4) Follow simple directions
  - 5) Use the bathroom independently and wash hands with out reminder.
  - 6) Stand in line
  - 7) Raise hand and wait to be called on
  - 8) Put things away

- Starting Kindergarten these are some of the things your child should be able to do:

- 1) Write their first name.
- 2) Recognize and name numbers 1 – 10.
- 3) Count to 20.
- 4) Say or sing the alphabet.
- 5) Know basic colors.
- 6) Recognize and name basic shapes.
- 7) Identify letter sounds.
- 8) Identify upper and lower case letters.
- 9) Hold a book and turn the pages.
- 10) Hold a pencil or crayon correctly.
- 11) Cut with scissors.