

Welcome to Berkley Charter School's Kindergarten program. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your child. We do have a strong academic focus in our program and would like to give you some ideas on how you can help your child have a strong start to their academic career. Here are some of the expectations we have for our students:

- Recognize and name all letters of the alphabet (capital and lowercase) by November
- Know the sound/s for each letter by November
- Read by the end of the school year
- Write two to three sentences by the end of the school year
- Understand numbers and begin basic addition and subtraction by the end of the school year

Here are some kindergarten readiness skills to focus on this summer as you prepare your child for kindergarten:

1. Writing

- Hold pencil correctly
- Practice writing letters
- Writing name correctly (begin with capital letter, followed by all lower case letters ie: Brandon)

2. Letter Recognition and Beginning Sounds

- Recognize and name at least 13 capital letters, 13 lower-case letters, and 13 letter sounds
- Recite the alphabet

3. Number Recognition and Counting

- Count to 20
- Recognize and name the numbers 1-10

4. Shapes and Colors

- Recognize and name basic shapes (square, triangle, circle, rectangle)
- Recognize and name basic colors (red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, black, brown)

5. Fine Motor Skills

- Cut with scissors (can follow a line to cut out a picture)

6. Reading Readiness

- Read, Read, Read with your child this summer
- Point as you read to show your child the left to right progression of reading

7. Attention and Following Directions

- Follow 3 step directions
 - Give your child two and three step directions. For example: "put on your pajamas, brush your teeth, and pick a book to read"
 - Play Simon Says with two or three step directions. For example: "Simon Says jump up and down and shout hooray."

8. Days of the Week and Months of the Year

- Say the days of the week in order starting with Sunday
- Say the months of the year in order

9. Other Skills

- Snap, button, and zip their own pants and undo belts
- Put on jacket by themselves
- Tie shoes
- Open items that may be in their lunchbox (containers, juice boxes, lunchables, fruit cups, snack bags, chip bags, etc...)

_____ 's Summer Homework

This is your child's reading log. Please list 25 books that you read with your child over summer and return this list to your child's teacher the first week of school.

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Handwriting Models



