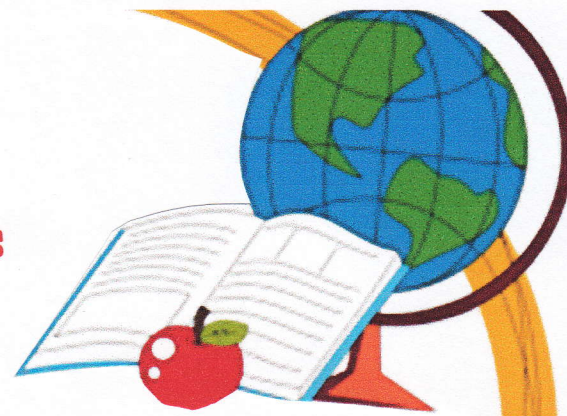




10 Summertime Tasks



Ready Children for Kindergarten and Grade One

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Throughout the summer fulfill the school policy for **school readiness**. If school did not stipulate goals, anticipate readiness in these ways:

- 1.** Practice **listening skills** – Speak to your child and have the child repeat what you said. Often give short directions for your child to follow.
- 2.** Give your child experiences of **taking turns** and **sharing** with other people
- 3.** Give practice in **delaying gratification** – waiting for something that the child wants.
- 4.** Teach proper use of a **public toilet** and/or urinal, to flush after use, and to wash hands.
- 5.** Teach your child how to **recognize** his/her name in print and to **memorize** name, address, and telephone number.
- 6.** Develop **language skills**: vocabulary, alphabet recognition and letter-sounds.
- 7.** Engage in **conversation**.
- 8.** Read and talk about **stories**.
- 9.** Demonstrate **“direction”** in reading (left to right; top downwards, spaces, first letter of a sentence, first letter of a word).
- 10.** Recognize **numbers** one through ten.

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