

Dear Parents – •

To help prepare your child for kindergarten, we would like him/her to complete the **IXL Summer Adventures skill plan section for kindergarten**. If you have trouble finding this, try going through a browser such as Safari, Chrome, or Firefox and not the app.

Here are the steps to find the summer practice skills:

1. Go to IXL.com & login
2. Click learning tab
3. Select Skills Plan
4. Go to IXL Summer Adventures – Kindergarten

Additionally, your child can continue to work on pre-k level language arts and mathematical skills over the summer to reinforce the foundation that has already been laid. This foundation is extremely important as we build on skills in kindergarten. **Please do not work in the regular Kindergarten IXL sections.**

If your child is struggling with any of these sections, please have him/her review previous IXL sections for practice only.



**Read - Read - Read**

Reading is **so important** to your child's educational development.

Please read with your child every day. You may read to your child or your child may read to you. After each story, ask your child questions about the story. Discuss concepts such as the characters, the setting, and the plot.

### **Fine Motor Skills and Letter Practice**

**\*\* Small movements of the hand are referred to as "fine motor skills." These skills are crucial to successful handwriting. Below are a few suggestions to help strengthen the hand muscles.**

- Use scissors to cut out pictures.
- Put together small beads, Legos, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, etc.
- Knead dough or clay and build with it or make letters
- Use tweezers (larger plastic ones) to pick up small items (buttons, beads, coins, etc) and put them in a container.
- Squirt a water bottle outdoors on the sidewalk.
- Use small marshmallows and toothpicks to form letters.
- Clip clothespins to cardboard, containers, etc. (Make your own counting game: write numerals on a small piece of cardboard and then clip that number of clips to it).
- Write letters on the sidewalk with chalk.
- Use different types of tools for writing practice: gel pens, colored pencils, scented markers, crayons, etc.).
- Use a flashlight and make letters on the wall. Guess what letter was made.
- "Fish" for letters or words. Make paper fish. Write individual letters or short words on the fish. Attach paper clips to the fish. Attach a magnet to a small pole and use it to "fish" for the letters/words.

Have a blessed, safe, and fun summer!  
The Kindergarten Teachers