

Quotes:

"I don't want it to be the end. I want to spend every day with you, Miss Erin." – Quinn

"Miss Erin, your brother is going to look like this one day.(pointing to Tarzan)"
- Camryn

"You will be a mother some day, you just need to get a boyfriend and then get married."
- Calee

Kindergarten to First Grade - Prepare Your Child for First Grade by Building on Last Year's Skills

The transition from kindergarten to first grade can be a difficult one. One way to ease this move up is by practicing those academic learning skills your child was exposed to in kindergarten and will be involved in during the first grade school year. It is important that your child retain what they learned in kindergarten. If children don't practice those academic activities over the summer, they might not be able to remember the things they learned the previous school year. These academic activities can all be practiced at home in a fun family setting. Here are a few helpful suggestions on ways to practice all of the academic skills your child will need in the first grade over the summer break.

Reading Skills

By the end of kindergarten your child should know all of the letters in the alphabet and their sounds. To practice letters and

phonetics make a game out of going to the grocery store. Point out items that begin with the same letter sound and then have your child look for items that begin with that same sound. Ask your child tell you the sounds for each letter in simple printed words (i.e. dog, cat, hot). Then have them blend those sounds to read those small words. Use these same words to have a family spelling bee. You should also read to your child *every day*. Listening to you read serves as a model for your child's own reading behavior and skills. When reading a story, you could stop before the end and have your child guess the story's ending to get them more involved in the whole reading process. Another way to get them involved is to ask questions about the story after you've reached the end. Get your child to help you read favorite bedtime stories. Read poems and books that repeat letters and sounds. While you're reading, point out the repetitions. Reading is one of the most vital academic learning skills to practice during the summer months before starting school.

Writing Skills & Language Development

Practice writing the letters, in both capital and lower case form, over the summer. Get your child to write their name. Practice counting and writing numbers. Encourage your child to draw and paint, and then have them tell you all about that picture they've created. See if they might want to write a short phrase or sentence as a caption for those pictures. Get your child to make up their own short stories and listen to what they have to say.

Math Skills

In first grade you child will learn that numbers are everywhere, and that they can be added and subtracted. To set the groundwork for the first year of grade school, point out numbers whenever you see them. Count stairs, how many blocks you can stack until they fall over, the number of apples you put in a bag at the grocery store, how many books are on the bookshelf, etc. Explain how you use numbers everyday (measuring ingredients, thermometers, clocks, etc.). Practice having your child put things in numerical order. Make use of the everyday environment to teach those all important math skills.

<http://voices.yahoo.com/kindergarten-first-grade-prepare-child-for-1758921.html>

Father's Day Card

Materials

- Decorative scrapbook paper
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions



1. To make one, first cut a 4- by 12-inch rectangle from a piece of decorative scrapbook paper and fold it in half to create a double-layer 4- by 6-inch rectangle.
2. Form the collar by cutting 2 matching 1-inch-long horizontal slits about 1 inch below the fold.
3. Fold over the 2 flaps as shown, then glue them down with a 5-inch-long tie shape cut from another piece of decorative paper glued between them. Glue a pair of small buttons to the collar.
4. Once the glue has dried, lift the bottom front of the card and write a Father's Day greeting inside.



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To: Ms. Erin's Lions

Summer Birthdays:

Camryn
July 1st



Aniela
July 23rd



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Great Expectations

It's time to say, "Good-bye."
Our year has come to an end.
I've made more cherished
memories
And many more new friends.
I've watched your children
learn and grow
And change from day to day.
I hope that all the things we've
done
Have helped in some small way.
So it's with happy memories
I send them out the door,
With great hope and
expectations
For what next year holds in
store.

-by Maria Cuellar-Munson

It was a great privilege to work
with you and your children! I
will always remember my first
kindergarten class and miss
everyone greatly.
Love, Miss Erin

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What to Expect in
Kindergarten...

Activities:

6/8 Field Day field Trip
to Burke Lake
6/9 Imagination
Celebration @ Bull Park
6/11 PJ DAY
6/12 Game Day
Ben Spitzer's magic Show
@ 10:45
6/13 Bubble Day
6/14 Water day
6/15 Donuts with Day
6:30am- 9:00)
Kindergarten Graduation @
6:30p,
6/21 Board of Director's
Meeting
6/28 Lil' Sports and
Dance