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Welcome parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Watch this place weekly to find out inexpensive ideas that you can use to make sure **your** child becomes a successful adult. Let's face it- there isn't a parent in the world who doesn't wish the best for their child. So join us each week to learn something new. It will only take five minutes of your time to review this information, but it will lead to a lifetime of success for your child.

Things to consider

- Every year 40% of children walk into kindergarten 1-3 years behind.
- Parents often think their child will catch-up, **but research shows that students who start behind usually stay behind year after year!**
- Students who start below grade level are often those who drop out of school.
- These same students have a less than 6% chance of attending a 4 year university.

What you can do

- For your child to be ready for kindergarten, they should know 12-15 letters and sounds- this skill is gained by you reading aloud to them.
- They should repeat beginning and ending sounds – have them practice aloud with you as you read to them.
- Their vocabulary should be about 5,000 words- they learn from hearing the conversations in the household and from listening when you read.
- They should be able to count, compare colors and sizes-all things learned when you play with them.
- They should be able to settle down, focus and follow directions. They learn these things as you teach them throughout the day.
- Remember quality time with your child is more important than the quantity of time spent.

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