

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We are so glad God has called you to be a part of the Providence Christian Academy family! We are happy to join you in the high calling of educating your child. Below we have listed a few things you could do over the summer with your child to set him up for a successful beginning to our year in kindergarten.

1. Plan activities that require your child to sit still. Start with activities that will take 15 minutes and build up to 30 minutes. A few examples might include working a puzzle, listening to a good book, coloring, and card games. Watching a movie would not be an activity. This will increase your child's preparedness to sit still, listen, and learn Bible stories, phonics, and math.

2. Do simple exercises in following 3- step directions. For example: brush teeth, put on pajamas, and come downstairs. Then have your child repeat directions back to you to check for understanding.

3. Allow your child to look at a clock face and identify numbers. This will help with handwriting and telling time. You will find a clock face in your packet. Practice drawing circles beginning a 2 on the clock moving counter clockwise until the circle is complete.

4. Make time to read to your child. After completing a story, ask questions such as "Who were the characters?" "What happened first, next, last?" "What did you learn from the story?"

5. Teach your child to tuck in shirts, button pants, and fasten belts. Begin to practice tying shoes.

6. Teach your child to memorize the following personal information: address, phone number, and birthday.

7. Teach your child to hold pencils, pens or crayons with the thumb and middle finger. The index finger will rest between the thumb and middle finger. If you see your child holding a writing utensil with a full hand, do not allow him to write or draw that way. This is an extremely difficult habit to break.

8. Work on helping your child orally spell his first and last name.

9. Review capital and lowercase letters.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office during the summer, and your questions will be forwarded to us. We are looking forward to meeting you and your precious child on July 24th. Please bring all supplies on this day. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in kindergarten!

PCA Kindergarten Teachers

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 4