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Fall into Early Literacy

Read

The Night Before Kindergarten
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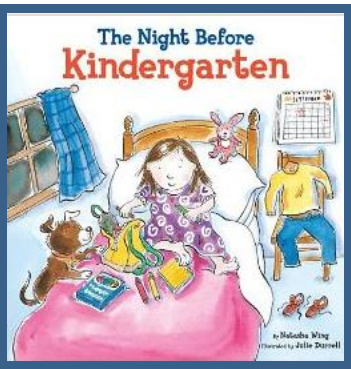


'Twas the night before kindergarten,
And as they prepared,
Kids were excited,
And a little bit scared.

It's the first day of school! Join the kids as they prepare for kindergarten packing school supplies, posing for pictures, and the hardest of all – saying goodbye to mom and dad. But maybe it won't be so hard once they discover just how much fun kindergarten really is!

Play

Sensory play provides children with hands-on experiences that strengthen their cognitive skills.

Make learning the alphabet fun by searching for alphabet letters in a tub filled with colored rice or sand.

Find the directions here:
http://www.learning4kids.net/2012/01/04/sensory-alphabet-hunt/

Write

Writing for preschoolers doesn't have to mean tracing letters! Before they can hold a pencil, they need to develop other skills such as coordination, precision and hand strength.

Try this!
Cut slits in a shoe box or a plastic container lid and ask your child to put coins, buttons, plastic bingo chips or other small objects inside. To make it more challenging, add numbers, colors or alphabets!

Sing

While singing, children develop listening and cooperative skills, coordination of the tongue and lips, gross and fine motor skills, self-control, concentration skills and memory!

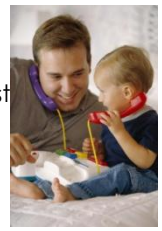
ALL THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN
Tune: "London Bridges Falling Down"

All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down (Imitate leaves falling down)
All the leaves are falling down, it is fall.

Take the rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up (Imitate raking leaves)
Take the rake and rake them up, it is fall.

Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in, jump right in, (Children jump forward)
Make a pile and jump right in, it is fall.

Talk



Talk with your child in your first language! When children have a strong first language base, they learn a second language more easily, and tend to do better at school with reading and writing.

For more information, visit
www.firstwords.ca

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Get ready for life, get ready to learn!

Sign up to receive the Nipissing District Development Screening tool to see how your child is doing!

www.ndds.ca

"All children will have the opportunity to reach their developmental potential."

For more information on how to get your child ready for school this fall check out
"Learning to play and playing to learn"
www.beststart.org

Children learning multiple languages may use words from both languages in one sentence to help replace words they don't know. They are not confused – this is how they learn new words!