



Kindergarten Readiness Tip Calendar: August 2024

Sunday <i>Play/Do</i>	Monday <i>Think-Language</i>	Tuesday <i>Talk/Read</i>	Wednesday <i>Think- Science Theme</i>	Thursday <i>Talk/Read</i>	Friday <i>Think-Math</i>	Saturday <i>Play/Do</i>
				1 Build red vocabulary today: eat red grapes or berries or tomatoes or pizza or apples or????	2 During end of day toy clean up, have your child look for and show you all the soft things they can find. Count them! Can your child name the color of each soft toy?	3 Make breakfast together as a family (that includes cleaning up together). Make something yummy using one of the fruits in season like peaches or blueberries!
4 Have your child tell you three things they'd like to do today. Pick one and do it. If you have time, pick another game to play together!	5 Look into story hour at your local library or book store. This is a great place for your child to practice the story listening skills that will help them succeed in Kindergarten.	6 Find a book without words to "read" together. Have your child tell the story, use the pictures as a guide.	7 In August, we're learning about Bugs & Beetles! Can you check out some books about them at the library?	8 Mention the name of the month 10 times today! Show your child the August calendar, just show them and name it as the "August Calendar".	9 Count to 15 while playing the "Head-Shoulders-Knees-Toes" game. Count to 5 while doing 3 different exercises. Make this part of your morning routine.	10 Find a simple story or book that your child loves and act it out together! Act like monsters in your kitchen at night, huff and puff and blow things down, climb a beanstalk.
11 Make a family fort in the backyard if the weather's nice (inside if rainy). Fill it with books and board games and have a lazy day of just being together.	12 Teach your child to say their street address and phone number. Have a backup plan for emergencies. If your child wanders off, they may need help finding you.	13 Look for pink and purple things in the pictures of books you read today. Name them for your child; have your child repeat the name of the pink and purple objects.	14 Take a piece of yarn and 4 chopsticks or straws. Mark off a square of yard or park. Lay down on the ground with your child and observe your square. What do you see? What moved?	15 Show your child the letter cards for Jj and show them how to make the J sound with their mouth! Look for pictures that start with J. Have jelly or jam on toast!	16 Empty the change out of your pockets and have your child sort them by size, color, and then by type.	17 Have your child tell you three things they'd like to do today. Pick one and do it. If you have time, pick another game to play together!
18 Play a game with your child today, a game with rules. Talk about having rules and why we need them. There will be rules in school, too.	19 Show your child the letter cards for Ss and show them how to make a snake sound with their mouth! Look for things that start with S!	20 Go outside and practice using "outside voices"! Find a new place to practice using "inside voices". When you're outside practice switching back & forth!	21 Look for bugs & beetles where you live? Sometimes caterpillars are hiding under leaves or on the stems of plants or on the bark of trees.	22 Build blue vocabulary: eat blueberries! Wear a blue shirt! Check out blue birds, sky, water, flowers. Eat blue popsicles!	23 Grab 10 pennies. First, put 7 in a row and have your child count them touching each one. Now scatter them and have them touch/count again.	24 Play Rhyme Train. One person says a word to start, take turns saying a word that rhymes with it. Last one on board starts the next train.
25 Play "follow the leader" today. Practice hopping, skipping, jumping, leaping, spinning, galloping, and rolling. Take turns being the leader.	26 Find a book about caterpillars or butterflies and start off with a "Picture Walk". (We worked on picture walks in December, let the pictures guide you.)	27 Read a book together as a family. Focus on things in the book that are the same as in your family. Same pets? Same foods? Same hair color? Focus on "same" this week.	28 Watch a video on bugs, beetles or insects with your child. We suggest 'National Geographic Kids' videos.	29 Use the August word cards to make up a story about a bug. Make a list of all the bugs your child can name. Read a book about a bug like <u>The Grouchy Ladybug!</u>	30 Use this calendar and use the date numerals to count as far as your child can go up to 30. Pick a number, say it, and point to it. Repeat.	31 Look at the August calendar. Say "this is the last day of August and tomorrow will be the first day of September". Show how you turn from August to September.



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