

Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to our Kindergarten classes at Thomas Edison Energy Smart Charter School. This upcoming year will be very exciting and fun filled year. Your child will be learning so many new things as well as growing and maturing socially and academically.

Attached you will find our summer practice work. Please complete the Reading Log and return it to your teacher on September 8th. It is okay if your child can't read independently, we encourage you to help them. If they can read on their own then please encourage them to do so. The websites that are listed are great resources for preparing for Kindergarten at TEESCS.

We look forward to meeting you and starting of a great year!!!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Goncalves and Ms. Mangiaracina

Expectations for Kindergarten

Below is a list of expectations from entering kindergarten to the end of the year your child will have mastered. Do not worry if your child entering kindergarten cannot do some of the items below, they will learn them throughout the year. ☺

- Identify some letters of the alphabet
- Grip a pencil, crayon, or marker correctly (with the thumb and forefinger supporting the tip)
- Use scissors, glue, paint, and other art materials with relative ease
- Write his first name using upper- and lowercase letters, if possible
- Count to 30
- Bounce a ball
- Classify objects according to their size, shape, and quantity
- Speak using complete sentences
- Recognize some common sight words, like “stop”
- Identify rhyming words
- Repeat his full name, address, phone number, and birthday
- Play independently or focus on one activity with a friend for up to ten minutes
- Manage bathroom needs (potty-trained)
- Dress himself (button pants, zip jackets, close belts)
- If your child doesn’t know how to tie their shoes, please send them with Velcro shoes (thank you!!)
- Follow directions
- Clean up after himself
- Listen to a story without interrupting
- Separate from parents easily

Language arts

- Recognize and write all of the letters of the alphabet in upper- and lowercase forms
- Write his first and last name
- Learn sounds corresponding to vowels and consonants
- Use initial consonant sounds and sound patterns to read words (for example, f + an = fan; r + an = ran)
- Identify several sight words, including names of colors
- Recognize and use rhyming words
- Retell a story including details
- Put events of a story in order
- Write simple sentences using sight words and phonics skills

Listening and communication

- Listen attentively
- Raise hands or wait to speak
- Act on instruction and repeat spoken directions
- Engage in question-and-answer dialogue with classmates and teachers
- Work as a team on projects or problem-solving

Math

- Sort and classify objects using one or more attributes
- Recognize and write numbers to 30
- Count orally by ones, five, and tens
- Name ordinal numbers first through tenth
- Add and subtract using manipulatives (Cheerios, candy, etc.)
- Understand spatial relationships (top/bottom, near/far, ahead/behind)
- Compare quantities by estimating, weighing, and measuring
- Use graphs to gather information
- Recognize patterns and shapes
- Tell time to the nearest hour
- Count coins
- Recite the days of the week and months of the year



Summer Practice Work

Websites –

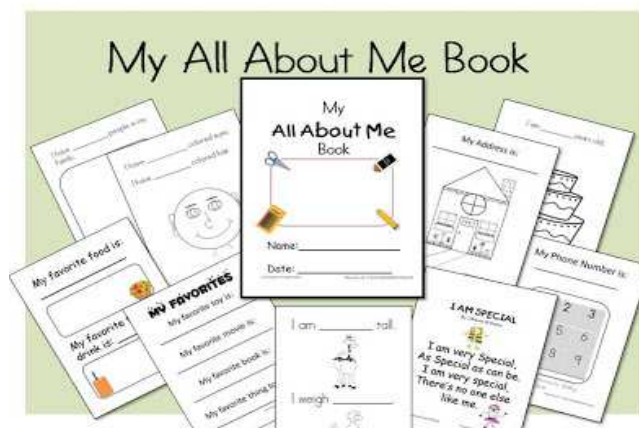
1. www.ABCmouse.com (app available too) Please practice on Kindergarten level and/or First Grade level.
2. www.Starfall.com (app available too) Please practice all four levels

L.A Assignment –

Please make an **All About Me Book**. Please use your imagination and tell us all about yourself. Your favorite color, hobby, place, food. Also include your name, birthday, your family members and also include what you will like to learn in Kindergarten. Below is an example of some items you can include in the book. Please DO NOT use the example provided, **BE CREATIVE!!**

(Parents you may write for them, but they **MUST** draw a picture)

THIS IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Reading log

Shared reading is very important at this age. Shared reading is when an adult reads a book to a child. Below are some important facts to know about shared reading:

- *Reading practices are widely recommended to promote language and other skills related to literacy development*

When reading to/with your child:

- *ask questions about the story*
- *ask questions about the pictures*
- *provide feedback in the form of repetitions, expansions, and modeling answers*

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Math:

Use this link to work on a variety of math skills with your child:

<http://www.ixl.com/math/pre-k>

Please print out 5 COMPLETED website pages and hand them in with the summer packet. At the end of each assignment, there will be a summarized score- please print out the completed score NOT each question.