SUMNER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Tips for Families to Prepare for Kindergarten

Talk to your child.

Ask your child about their day and encourage them to explain something they did.

Read with your child.

Read books daily with your child. Relate the books to their real life experiences.

Say silly tongue twisters.

Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help children with sounds in words.

Incorporate conversation into play.

As your child plays with dolls, puppets, or action figures, encourage your child's imagination and conversation skills by playing along.

Talk about letters.

Point out letters as you do daily activities, such as driving. "The M is the first letter in McDonalds."

Allow your child to draw.

Give your child blank paper and crayons to draw pictures. Ask your child questions about their drawing.

Play games together.

Playing games like *'/.&-1#)%1"#%%&,-1 #*%0(#)%1#)%1 +))&$.1!+/,1* are great for building counting skills and social skills.

Use your child's name.

Point out words that start with the same sound as your child's name. "John, the word jump begins with the same sound as your name, j."