No matter what back to school looks like for you this year, you can get your kids ready to learn with these fun, teacher-approved activities!
Date the calendar backward from your first day of school to get started, or pick and choose activities to go at your own pace.

### School Starts in 4 Weeks: Make math a part of your daily routine!
- Math up family game night with a board game that involves adding, subtracting or counting money. [Click for ideas!]
- Practice adding and subtracting by making towers using building blocks or snap cubes. [Click for ideas!]
- Make pizza night into fraction fun by talking about the different ways to make a whole. [Click for ideas!]
- Now’s the time to practice reading a clock! Keep analog and digital clocks handy for practice. [Click for ideas!]
- Cook something yummy together. Talk about fractions and measure out ingredients in the recipe while you cook. [Click for ideas!]
- Draw two playing cards or one domino and practice multiplying the two numbers. [Click for ideas!]
- Play shopkeeper! Have your child price the items, then collect money, count and make change for customers. [Click for ideas!]

### School Starts in 3 Weeks: You won’t be ready without reading!
- Read independently for 20 minutes or more everyday! [Click for ideas!]
- Act like a reporter and ask your child questions about a book before, during, and after reading. [Click for ideas!]
- Make sight words fun! Say them in silly voices or incorporate into a game. [Click for ideas!]
- Write the story of your summer break (or what you wish you did). Complete with pictures! [Click for ideas!]
- Try a different way to read each day! Have your child read out loud, to themselves or read to them. [Click for ideas!]
- Visit someplace new (in person or virtually), and write about what you learned. [Click for ideas!]
- Host a family spelling bee! Challenge each other to spell both familiar and new words. [Click for ideas!]

### School Starts in 2 Weeks: Make caring and sharing a part of your day!
- Have your child write a letter to a friend or teacher they can’t wait to see at school! [Click for ideas!]
- Start a dinner-time tradition! Talk about the highs and lows of your day each night. [Click for ideas!]
- Play a board game together to practice taking turns and having patience. [Click for ideas!]
- Do an act of kindness for a neighbor or community helper. [Click for ideas!]
- Caught you being good! Make a point to praise your child for good behavior and kindness. [Click for ideas!]
- Pick out a few toys that aren’t used anymore and pass them along to a sibling or donate. [Click for ideas!]
- Learn a new skill, like coding or playing an instrument, to practice resiliency and problem-solving. [Click for ideas!]

### School Starts in 1 Week: Get organized and ready to go!
- Start to slowly reset bedtime and wake up time. [Click for ideas!]
- Do a dry run of your school day schedule, whether you’ll be learning at home or at school. [Click for ideas!]
- Practice wearing your favorite mask while you read or play a game. [Click for ideas!]
- Have your child help set up a home learning space so they’ll be excited to use it. [Click for ideas!]
- Tune up tablet or laptop skills by using a favorite educational app or website. [Click for ideas!]
- Practice your handwashing technique and pick a favorite song to sing while you wash. [Click for ideas!]
- Check one last family fun activity off your summer bucket list to celebrate! [Click for ideas!]

**My first day of school is**