# Ready, Set, School!

## Learning Calendar

**Preschool/Pre-K**

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 counting and number recognition.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Incorporate simple math problems into everyday conversation.** [Click for ideas!]
- **At bathtime, fill cups with water and talk about which has more or less.** [Click for ideas!]
- **During snack time, count your crackers or create patterns with cereal pieces.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Follow a yummy recipe and look for numbers and measurements.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Point out shapes around the house and sort toys or household items by those shapes.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Play shopkeeper! Have your child price the items and collect play money from customers.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Read together every day for 15 minutes.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Hunt for letters around your house, neighborhood, or on a drive.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Fill a cookie sheet with shaving cream and practice writing letters in the foam.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Read a book together, then have your child retell the story or act it out.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Form letters out of craft dough. Try spelling your name!** [Click for ideas!]
- **Make your own alphabet flash cards and practice letter recognition and building short words.** [Click for ideas!]
- **Rhyming is fun! Make a game of finding words that sound the same.** [Click for ideas!]

### School Starts in 3 Weeks: You won’t be ready without reading!

- **Help your child write and illustrate a note 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!]
- **Talk about what it means and how it looks to feel happy, sad, angry, calm, etc.** [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!]
- **Play school and take turns being the teacher and student.** [Click for ideas!]

### School Starts in 2 Weeks: Make caring and sharing a part of your day!

- **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!]

### School Starts in 1 Week: Get organized and ready to go!

- **Start here and work backwards!** [Click for ideas!]

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My first day of school is ____________