

Help prepare your child for kindergarten



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Have a child headed for kindergarten?



Kindergarten is an exciting time, full of new experiences. If your child is starting kindergarten this fall, you can help them be ready to learn to read when they walk into the classroom!

Focus on four things to build early reading skills: Teach the ABCs, teach the sounds letters make, teach how to write your child's name, and read together at least three times a week.

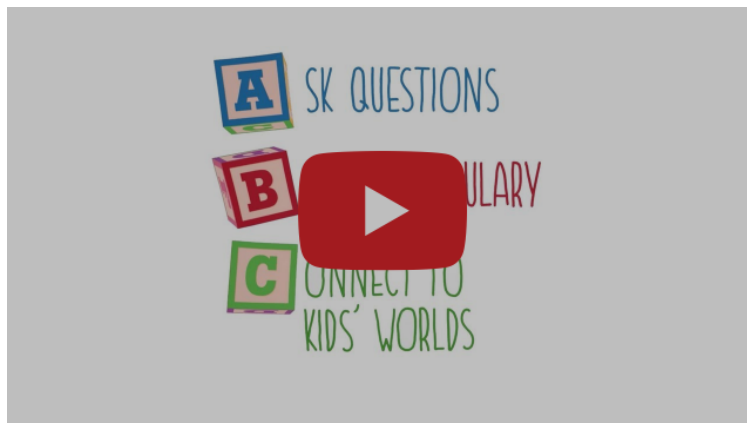
You can also visit [ReadingCheckup.org](https://readingcheckup.org) to take two short quizzes and get literacy activities tailored to your child. The activities are fun, simple, and can be practiced at home, like this one:

- **Bedtime checklist:** Reinforce the connection between the printed word, sequence, and meaning by creating a bedtime checklist for your child. Write a brief sequence of steps (like brushing teeth and putting on pajamas) on a piece of paper, including a simple illustration and a check box. As your child gets ready for bed, point out the appropriate item on the checklist and allow them to check the boxes as they complete each step. Do this every night and soon the child will be 'reading' the list and following a routine on their own!

For more activities like this one, visit [ReadingCheckup.org](https://readingcheckup.org). Have fun practicing!

Find CMS registration info, download a checklist, and more!

The ABCs of Active Reading



[Active Reading](#) is a way to read with kids, rather than to them. It's an important part of all kids' reading journey, from birth through third grade. Follow the ABCs of Active Reading to easily incorporate the practice into your routine!

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