



# 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 *Chutes and Ladders*, *Candyland*, and *Connect Four* 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."

