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WHAT ARE KINDERGARTEN READINESS KITS?

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher and you play an important role in your child's readiness for school. Preschool and other kindergarten readiness programs are great stepping stones for many children, however you as a parent have the biggest impact on whether a child starts school ready to learn.

Some of the most important abilities when children start school are not necessarily the academic skills that we think of, but social-emotional abilities like getting along with other children and teachers, and working on their own without disrupting the classroom.

Skills like naming letters and counting are important and your child learns those and other skills best through play and everyday hands-on experiences such as reading together daily, playing at parks and playgrounds, shopping together, and visiting museums, zoos, and libraries.

In this and other Kindergarten Readiness Kits we've carefully cultivated resources and activities that will provide hours of education and entertainment for your preschooler. We're so thrilled for your child as they navigate their journey from a preschooler to a real Kindergarten All-Star!

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Introducing early math and science skills to your children is more important than ever because schools are putting a larger emphasis on S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math). You can ignite a curiosity for math and science by using numbers in everyday situations, and by encouraging questions and a hands-on approach to learning. Early math skills include number recognition, counting, shape knowledge, patterning, and sorting. Allowing children to experiment, get messy, and try new things strengthens their science skills and prepare them for kindergarten.

BECOME A SCIENTIST

First Read, Look I'm A Scientist, then get an up-close look at 12 amazing bugs in the Real Bugs Discovery Kit. Each specimen is permanently encased, so your child can safely explore them from every angle with the included magnifying glass!

EXPLORE NUMBERS

Make counting practice a real treat! Have your child count from 1 to 10 while adding scoops of "ice cream" to a banana-split counting tray in the Squeeze, Scoop, & Count Ice Cream Shop. Your child will also be building fine motor skills as they squeeze, scoop and play. Reinforce all that counting practice by reading 10 Black Dots, by Donald Crews.

PLAY WITH SHAPES

Read Shape By Shape, by Suse MacDonald together, then see what shapes your child can make with Geostix. These super-bendable, snap-together sticks are an exciting way to introduce your child to geometry concepts. For an added challenge, have your child try to recreate the shapes on the included activity cards. This gives them more practice with color and size recognition, creative thinking, fine motor skills, and more.