



PERIMETER SCHOOL  
A Covenant Christian Community

Dear Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners,

Welcome to Perimeter School Kindergarten! We are thrilled to have you join us in this wonderful, new adventure of learning. We will play, laugh, learn, and grow together.

One of our highest values is to preserve childhood. In doing so, you will draw out the natural curiosity, inquisitiveness, and wonder in your child. This will also best prepare them for a lifetime of learning.

We encourage you to play with intention and remember it is okay for your child to be bored. Allowing him/her to be bored will give his/her mind the opportunity to imagine and create on his/her own.

*“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” - Mr. Rogers*

*“Play, vigorous healthful play, is, in its turn, fully as important as lessons, as regards both bodily health and brain-power.” - Charlotte Mason*

Below are many activities and book suggestions to help you prepare your child for kindergarten this summer.

**Gross and Fine Motor Activities:**

- Hop, skip, jump, and run.
- Ride bikes.
- Take long walks.
- Go swimming.
- Play in the sprinkler.
- Play with playdoh, silly putty, or clay.
- Make cookies or bread or pretzels or pizza - knead that dough.
- Let your child help you in the garden - dig, plant, pull, weed.
- Set up simple mazes or obstacle courses.
- Play with Duplos, Legos, Tinkertoys, or blocks.
- Put together puzzles.
- Do finger plays (Eency Weency Spider, Thumbkin).
- Draw and write letters and numbers in sugar, oatmeal, rice, salt, dirt, shaving cream, sand.
- Pinterest and other websites have great ideas.

**Language Learning and Pre-Reading Activities:**

- Play informal games in the car - “I’m thinking of something/someone that looks like ...” (Describe objects or people with enough information to help paint a picture in your child’s mind.)

- Play “Tell me what \_\_\_\_\_ looks like” - have your child tell you in his/her own words what an object or person looks like.
- Read nursery rhymes. Leave out a word and ask your child to supply the missing word.
- Take a squirt gun or large paintbrush and “write” in water on the driveway.
- Give your child access to books. We recommend at least 10 minutes per day alone with books.
- **Read together daily** - both with your child and as a family. We recommend at least 1 book or 10 minutes per day.

### **Book Recommendations:**

- *The Real Mother Goose* illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
- *Mother Goose* by Tomie DePaola
- Grimm Brothers or Hans Christian Anderson or Charles Perrault
- Aesop Fables
- *Frances* series by Russell Hoban
- *Corduroy* books by Don Freeman
- *Curious George* books by Margaret and H. A. Rey (original version)
- *Raggedy Ann and Andy* stories by Johnny Gruelle
- *Ask Mr. Bear and Angus* books by Marjorie Flack
- *The ABC Bunny* by Wanda Gag
- *If Jesus Came to My House* by Joan Gale Thomas
- *Play with Me* by Marie Hall Ets
- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *Katy No Pocket* by Emmy Payne
- *Little Toot* by Hardie Gramatky
- *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown
- Almost any book by:
  - Jan Brett
  - Eric Carle
  - Bill Martin, Jr.
  - Lois Ehlert
  - Leo Lionni
  - Tomie DePaola
  - Charlotte Zolotow
  - Margaret Wise Brown
  - Paul Galdone

### **Great Read-Alouds for Your Family:**

- *Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne (original version)
- Stories from *The Book of Virtues* by William J. Bennett

### **Resources for Recommended Children’s Literature:**

- *Books Children Love* by Elizabeth Wilson (forward by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay)
- *The Book Tree* by Elizabeth McCallum and Jane Scott
- *Honey For a Child’s Heart* by Susan Hunt
- *Books that Build Character* by William Kilpatrick

We look forward to a wonderful year together for the children’s good and His glory!

Joyfully,  
The Kindergarten Team