

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER WORK

Several of you have asked what your children should do over the summer to be ready for Kindergarten in the Fall. We recommend lots of playdates with classmates. Ideally, go beyond the true and familiar best friends and reach out to families you and your child do not normally hang out with. Please also consider inviting the new incoming students. It sure will make for a happier Kindergarten class. As far as 'academics' go, we suggest you find and play a lot of math and language games. Your children enjoyed a slew of dice, card and board games at school. Asking other parents for ideas and exchanging games is a good way to expand your game repertoire. Keep on reading to your kiddos. And, of course, do all the other outdoorsy summertime activities your children love.

Kindergarten Readiness

*What should my student know/be able to do in order to be ready for kindergarten at SFS?

Self Help Skills	Fine Motor Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the bathroom independently• Put coat or jacket on• Take shoes on and off (tying laces independently not expected)• Pack up backpack at the end of the day with personal items (water bottle, snack container ect..)• Change clothes if needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a pencil and scissors• Cut on a straight line and basic shapes• Write first name• Draw a picture using basic shapes
Social Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow 2 step directions• Sit on the carpet and attend to a 5-10 minute lesson or story<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand and control basic emotions• Know how to be a kind friend to peers.• Use first time listening and accept boundaries set by adults	
Academic Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Familiarity with most upper and lowercase letters and letter sounds• Basic concepts of print (how to hold a book, turn pages carefully and track print left to right)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to recognize and count numbers to 10	

*There is no right or wrong way for a student to enter kindergarten! These are just general guidelines