Stepping It Up!

A Head Start Program & A Children’s Museum
“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller
Taking a New Look at Parent Engagement Together
The First Teacher
Taking Aim

Defining Strategies
1. Memberships & Measuring
2. Modeling
Step into a Story.
Meeting Dads
Where They Are
3. Creating Exhibits
4. New Parent Resources
Another Collaboration
A package came in the mail today. It was from Miss Bindergarten just to say she hopes I’m getting ready for school. Learning is fun — that’s Miss B’s rule. She said her students will give me a start, and she hopes my grown-up will play a part.

Miss Bindergarten can’t wait to see me in Kindergarten!
I'm Christopher and I LOVE COLORS! That's why Miss Bindergarten asked me to help you learn about colors by teaching you some color games.

Go "COLOR SHOPPING" at home! Ask your grown-up for a paper bag or a box. Choose one color and draw something on the outside. Now walk around your house and put as many things in your bag as you can find that match your color. What color did you pick? Return the things you shopped for to their place and then try this game again!

Have a colorful lunch! Name all the colors you have for lunch: An Apple that is RED, Lettuce that is GREEN, and Cheese that is ORANGE. Write your lunch colors here.

What color are your eyes? What color of eyes does everyone else in your family have? Are they all the same? Write the eye colors of your family here.

Play the "I See Color" game when you are riding in the car. Say, "I see RED. I see a car that is RED."

Dear friend,

My name is Patricia and I love to PLAY PATTERN GAMES. Miss Bindergarten always says, "A pattern is only a pattern if it's repeated at least twice."

In this pattern I made with my toys, what comes next?

Lots of things have patterns: stripes on shirts, the lines on the bottoms of your shoes, and tiles on the floor can all be patterns. Use stickers or stamps to make patterns on paper or use your crayons to color a paper with a pattern you repeat.

Move around in a pattern:

CLAP and stomp a pattern. Sing words in a pattern. Try singing all the names in your family.

Aren't patterns fun?

Sincerely,
Patricia
Kindergarten Skills Checklist for Grown-ups

Parents and grandparents are a child’s first and most important teachers. In five short years he/she will enter school. You can help your child be ready for Kindergarten by making sure he/she:

- Recognizes the letters and the sounds of the alphabet even when they are out of order.
- Counts to 20. Recognizes the numbers 1 to 10 and knows the value of those numbers.
- Knows the family’s or caregiver’s phone number.
- Is able to retell or make up a story with a beginning, middle, and end.
- Knows right and left.
- Is able to dress self and put on and take off coats and boots.
- Knows first and last name.
- Can write name using upper and lowercase letters.
- Knows a triangle, a circle, a square, and a rectangle.
- Is able to tie or fasten own shoes.
- Is familiar with a penny, a nickel, and a dime.
- Knows his/her date of birth and present age.
- Is able to cut, color, paste, and paint.

- Uses a crayon and pencil to make symbols.
- Knows what opposites are and can name some.
- Can follow directions.
- Knows how to listen carefully.
- Can match items that are the same.
- Can spot items that are different.
- Knows how to take turns.
- Knows the meaning of “more than” and “less than.”
- Is physically healthy (eyes, teeth, immunizations, etc.).
- Knows how to hold a book and knows that words are read from left to right.
- Knows family’s address.
- Has read or heard to at least 1,000 hours (20 minutes a day).
- Can identify basic colors.
- Can identify parts of the body.
- Can identify animals and their sounds.
- Shows enthusiasm for reading and learning.

Date checklist completed: ________________________
The Animal Students’ Booklist in Alphabetical Order

Remember, the book titles here start with the same letter as the first name of each of Miss Bindergarten’s students. Can you match the student to their favorite book?

A
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Beauty and the Beast by Mercer Mayer
Corduroy by Don Freeman
The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble
Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
Ketchup on Your Cornflakes? by Nick Sharratt
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile by Bernard Waber
Miss Nelson Is Missing by Harry Allard Jr.
Naughty Little Monkeys by Jim Aylesworth

B
Once There Was a Bullfrog by Rick Walton
Peek-a Who? by Nina Laden
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
The Umbrella by Jan Brett
The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
X Marks the Spot by Lucille Recht Penner
Yoko by Rosemary Wells
Zoom by Ishen Banyai

Animal Alphabet Cards

Adam • Alligator
Brenda • Beaver
Christopher • Cat
Danny • Dog
Emily • Elephant
Fran • Frog
Gwen • Gorilla
Henry • Hippopotamus
Ian • Iguana
Jessie • Jaguar
Kiki • Kangaroo
Lenny • Lion
Matty • Moose
Noah • Newt
Ophelia • Otter
Patricia • Pig
Quentin • Quokka
Raffie • Rhinoceros
Sara • Squirrel
Tommy • Tiger
Urula • Usuki monkey
Vicky • Vole
Wanda • Wolf
Xavier • Xenosaurus
Yolanda • Yak
Zach • Zebra
Reach: 36,000 Bags Distributed in 9 Districts in three years
Impact

In schools where parents were engaged, readiness assessment scores significantly increased (average of 12%) compared to years without the materials.
Baby Talk with Baby Bear

A Language and Literacy Guide for New Parents
5. Changing Community Conversations

- Community Kindergarten Celebration held each August for 5,000 children and parents.

- Booths are manned by wonderful Kindergarten and Head Start teachers.

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¡Vamos a celebrar el jardín de niños!

Si su hijo está empezando el jardín de niños en el norte de Utah y si ha hecho su libro de actividades de “Listos para empezar el jardín de niños con la Sra. Bindergarten” (“Get Ready for Kindergarten with Miss Bindergarten”), le invitamos a celebrar el comienzo de la escuela con nosotros el 8 de agosto 2015!

- **Cuándo será?**
  - Sábado el 8 de agosto 2015 desde las 10:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. (Se pueden venir cualquier hora este día).

- **Por adónde?**
  - Treehouse Museum, 347 22nd Street, Ogden, UT 84401 (Estacionamiento está disponible al sur del museo por el aparcamiento).

- **¿Cuánto cuesta?**
  - ¡Absolutamente gratis! Gracias a la generosidad del programa de impuestos de Weber County RAMP y Treehouse. Lo cual incluye admisión gratis al museo de Treehouse también.

- **¿Para qué?**
  - Con un multitud de actividades y juegos para niños del norte, queremos ofrecer una oportunidad para sus hijos a ponerse de pie y participar en la carpa del circo, ver un malabarista, mago, algunos exhibiciones de reptiles y aves y mucho más. Sus hijos recibirán una camiseta gratis que dice, “I’m Ready”. ¡Disponibles por tiempo limitado!

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Para obtener más información sobre la Celebración del Jardín de Niños:
We’re Ready for Kindergarten!
Biggest Step

Through the Door