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Listed below are some ways that you can help your child continue to grow and learn and be ready for the first day of school.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT provide opportunities to:

- Play cooperatively with other children
- Share, take turns and help others
- Label feelings and comfort themselves and others
- Understand and follow rules and routines

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT provide opportunities to:

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- Throw, kick and catch a ball
- Cut with scissors
- Hold and use a pencil
- Buckle, zip, button clothing

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- Play games and follow rules
- Read, re-tell and invent stories
- Recites letters of the alphabet
- Recognize and write own name
- Recognize some letters of the alphabet
- Label the sounds that letters make
- Practice and pretend to read
- Use a variety of writing tools
- Practice and pretend to write

MATHEMATICS provide opportunities to:

- Play games, complete puzzles and cook using recipes
- Measure things like cups, spoons, rulers and scales
- Count in order, up to 20
- Use comparison words like, big, small, more, less
- Describe things by size, shape and weight
- Identify common shapes – circle, square, triangle, rectangle, etc.
- Match and sort simple shapes
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