



2024-2025

**Kindergarten
Readiness Packet**



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We are so excited your family will be a part of the *Shirley Hills School Community!* Here at *Shirley Hills (SHES)* we believe it takes us all (teachers, parents, and students) to help a child be successful in school. The items listed in blue coloring are Kindergarten goals that must be mastered by the end of the school year. Below are some suggested activities to help your child meet these goals.

1. IDENTIFY AND WRITE FIRST AND LAST NAME

Suggested Activities

- a. Start with the first name. Make sure your child is holding their pencil or crayon properly. Make sure to say each letter as you write it. **Only focus** on writing the letters first. Students can work on making it look neat later in the process.

2. KNOWING THE ALPHABET (identify and write 52/52 letters/produce 26/26 sounds)

Suggested Activities

- a. **Be able to identify all 26 letters of the alphabet in (Uppercase (Start with these first) and Lowercase).**
 - i. **Hint:** Use your child's name to point out letters of the alphabet.
- b. **Know all the Alphabet letter sounds.**
 - i. **IMPORTANT**- A child will need to be able to know letter sounds first before they can work on letter identity.
 - ii. Watch a video on letter sounds to get you started. Try any Jack Hartman video on YouTube.
- c. **Be able to write the Alphabet Letters in Upper and Lowercase.**
 - i. Have your child trace out letters you created on paper with space around each one.
 - ii. Finger-paint the letters.
- d. **Sing the ABC song.**
 - i. Make sure to sing slowly the "L, M, N, O" portion of the song. When we sing these letters quickly it can sound like a long letter.

3. SIGHT WORDS (Read and Write all 22 words)

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- a. **Sight words help your child to get a head start in reading. Knowing sight words eliminates the need to sound out every single word.**

the	I	and	a	is	as	said	to	do	of	see
he	be	me	from	look	book	are	was	you	what	have

4. MATH (Count, identify, and write to 20, and count backwards from 20)

Suggested Activities

a. Count from 1-20

- i. It is extremely helpful if your child knows 1-10 before starting Kindergarten.
- ii. You can count anytime. Spend time pointing out how many there are of something. (Dogs, Trees)

b. Identify numbers from 1-20

- i. Point out numbers daily as you see them. Examples of this would be in recipes, on a sign, in a book and at the store.

c. Write the numbers from 1 - 20

- i. Write numbers using Finger Paint
- ii. Write the numbers and have your child trace over them.

d. Count backwards from 20

- I. Practice counting down from 5, 10, 15, and then 20 until your child shows mastery (can use number cards or a chart)

5. READING (Blend and Segment CVC words, ex: cat, dog, top)

Suggested Activities

a. Parents and Children can read to each other.

b. Talk about the story afterwards.

- i. What was the story about?
- ii. Talk about the pictures in the story.
- iii. Can you relate to something in the story?

c. Practice sounding out words.

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Helpful Videos on YouTube

Vowel Bat	Count to 100
Hip Hop Alphabet	Leap Frog Letter Chant
The Letter Sounds Song	Number in the Teens
2D Shapes	Numbers in the Twenties
3D Shapes	Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's

Helpful Learning Websites

ABCya	Guruparents.com- Alphabet Chart
PBS Kids	Story Online
Reading Rockets	Goodreads
e.Read Kids- Local Library	Math Lines
Kakooma	Primary Games
Math Playground	Xtra Math

6. HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

***** The registration process below is for new students who did not attend Pre-K in the Houston County Public School System. *****

1. Make an appointment by visiting www.hcbe.net/Centralregistration or call 478.741.3610
2. Complete the Online Registration Form

Central Registration Address

410 Bear County Blvd, Warner Robins, GA

(Near Houston County High School)

Items to bring with you to your appointment.

- Parent/Guardian Phone ID
- Certified Birth Certificate or Passport
- Social Security Card or Wavier
- Georgia Form 3231- Immunization Certificate
- Georgia Form 3300- Eye, Ear, Dental, Nutrition Screening
- Guardianship/Custody Orders (if applicable)
- Withdrawal Form/Latest Report Card
- Two proofs of Residency

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- The **FIRST** must be a **LEASE or MORTGAGE** Statement (if home is paid off).
- The **SECOND** must be one of the following:
 1. Current Utility Bill that shows your current address
 2. Property Tax Statement that shows current address
 3. Automobile Registration or Insurance Policy that shows it being sent to current address.
 4. Mail from any government agency sent to current address

NOTES

- If your lease is expired and, on a month-to-month agreement, the second proof of Residency **MUST BE** a current utility bill.
- All families new to the county but not the state of Georgia, need to provide a disconnect notice for previous address.

2024-2025 School Calendar

 HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT High Achievement for All		2024-2025		
July 24 – July 30, 2024	Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 24)	July S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	August S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
July 31, 2024	First Day of School	October S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	November S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	December S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
September 2, 2024 September 3, 2024	Labor Day Holiday Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration	January S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	March S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
October 7-10, 2024 October 11, 2024 October 14, 2024	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers Columbus Day Holiday (Observed) Student Holiday/Site Collaboration	April S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	May S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	June S M T W TH F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
November 11, 2024 November 25-29, 2024	Veterans Day Holiday Thanksgiving Holiday	First & Last Day of Semesters	Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration	Holidays/System Shutdown
December 20, 2024 December 23 – January 2	Last Day of Semester – ½ Day Christmas & New Year's Holiday	Approved July 18, 2023 by the Board of Education		
January 3, 2025 January 6, 2025 January 20, 2025	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration Second Semester Begins Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday			
February 17, 2025 February 18, 2025	Presidents' Day Holiday Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration			
March 28, 2025 March 31-April 4, 2025	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration Spring Break			
May 21, 2025 May 22-23, 2025 May 23-24, 2025 May 26, 2025	Last Day of Semester – ½ Day Post-Planning/Site Collaboration High School Graduation Memorial Day Holiday			