

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. Below are some suggested Kindergarten readiness skills you may want to work on over the summer to get your child **GEARED UP AND READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!** 

#### 1. WRITING 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 it to look neat later in the process.

#### 2. KNOWING THE ALPHABET

## **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 of the Alphabet letter sounds.
  - i. *IMPORTANT* A child will need to be able to identify letters first before they can work on sounds.
  - ii. Watch a video on letter sounds to get you started. Try any <u>Jack Hartman</u> video on YouTube
- c. Be able to write the Alphabet Letters in Upper and Lowercase.
  - i. Have your child trace out letters that you have created on a piece of 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 long letter.



# 3. SIGHT WORDS

# **Suggested Activities**

- 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.
  - i. Help your child to identify and spell the **asterisked** \* words before starting Kindergarten.

*the	in	up	got	day
*I	an	do	be	has
*to	*said	we	if	by
*a	so	*can	she	did
he	is	*no	big	one
*my	and	*am	I'm	out
no	it	go	for	him
*me	*at	on	you	as
*like	*see	all	will	or
at	to	how	not	get

look	this	very	here	because
her	was	us	saw	where
back	now	been	play	could
had	have	our	who	before
come	are	but	their	two
them	into	your	don't	went
came	that	from	after	mother
his	said	put	with	just
make	away	man	there	too
of	little	what	they	when



# 4. MATH

# **Suggested Activities**

#### a. Count from 1-20

- i. It is very 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, Tress)

## 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.

#### 5. READING

## **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?

# Helpful Videos on You Tube

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(

- 1. This registration is only for new students who didn't attend Pre-K in the Houston County Public School System.
- 2. Make an appointment by visiting <a href="https://www.hcbe.net/Centralregistration.or.call478.741.3610">www.hcbe.net/Centralregistration.or.call478.741.3610</a>
- 3. 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
  - The <u>FIRST</u> 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.