

# JUNE 2026

Sunday

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	<b>1</b> Did you register for kindergarten? Call your local district to register!	<b>2</b> Go on a shape hunt around the house.	<b>3</b> Practice reciting your first and last name.	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Practice writing your name all summer long.	<b>6</b> Point to objects and say a word that rhymes.
<b>7</b> Play catch with a ball.	<b>8</b> Play a game that encourages cooperation.	<b>9</b> GSL Summer Playdate in Hamburg 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>10</b> Visit a local StoryWalk 	<b>11</b> Music at the Blissful 10:30-11:30 a.m. 242 Community Center	<b>12</b> Plant flowers together and water them.	<b>13</b> Fun In The 'Ville in Fowlerville
<b>14</b> Play 'Simon Says' and give your child two things to do to practice directions.	<b>15</b> Practice sounding out the words on signs you see.	<b>16</b> Practice reciting the days of the week.	<b>17</b> Hamburg Family Fun Fest June 17-20	<b>18</b> Have your child recall a story or event in order (first, middle, last).	<b>19</b> Create a family mantra you can say together each morning.	<b>20</b> Make something out of recycled items.
<b>21</b>  Pick strawberries together at a local farm.	<b>22</b> Talk about the power of "yet" and the importance of practice.	<b>23</b> Count how many steps it takes to get from the driveway to the house.	<b>24</b> Visit a library you've never been to before.	<b>25</b> GSL Summer Playdate in Howell 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> Balloonfest June 26-28	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> What is the weather like today? Discuss with your child.	<b>29</b> Create with play-doh.	<b>30</b> Read a nursery rhyme.				

## GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN



What does a kindergarten student need to know?

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Check out a StoryWalk® in Livingston County this summer!

A StoryWalk is a literacy-boosting project that places an illustrated children's book along a walking route and encourages physical activity.

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# JULY 2026

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Help your child with independent tasks to prepare for kindergarten

*Practice*

- **Going to the bathroom** (unbuttoning & fastening pants)
- **Dressing** (zipping coats and changing clothes)
- **Putting on shoes**
- **Eating lunch** (opening milk and containers)
- **Following 2-step directions**

			<b>1</b> Plan a visit to a museum with the Michigan Activity Pass Program.	<b>2</b> Have your child help sort laundry.	<b>3</b> <i>Downtown Brighton 4th of July Parade 10 a.m.</i>	<b>4</b> Have your child practice jumping with two feet and hopping on one.
<b>5</b> Let your child practice using scissors to cut scrap paper.	<b>6</b> Practice sitting crisscross applesauce and listening to a story.	<b>7</b> Go grocery shopping and have your child take charge of the list.	<b>8</b> <i>GSL Summer Playdate in Fowlerville 10-11:30 a.m.</i>	<b>9</b> Cook in the kitchen together. Have your child help follow the recipe.	<b>10</b> Walk outside and count the birds you see.	<b>11</b> String beads on a pipe cleaner to make a bracelet.
<b>12</b>  Pick blueberries at a local farm.	<b>13</b> Practice putting on clothes and shoes.	<b>14</b> Play a game and talk about what to do when you win/lose.	<b>15</b> Make a paper chain countdown to school starting.	<b>16</b> <i>Jim Gill Concert at 10:30 - 11:15 a.m 242 Community Center.</i>	<b>17</b> Go on a picnic. Let your child plan the meal.	<b>18</b> Practice opening food items and juice boxes.
<b>19</b> Make a plan for what to do when school feels frustrating.	<b>20</b> Plan a playdate with a friend and practice taking turns.	<b>21</b> Read a book about going to school.	<b>22</b> Use paper to cut a straight line, a circle and a zig-zag.	<b>23</b> Sing a favorite song in the car together.	<b>24</b> Take a nature walk as a family. 	<b>25</b> Use blocks to make a color pattern.
<b>26</b> Make a project using scissors and glue sticks.	<b>27</b> <i>Fowlerville Fair July 27 - August 1</i>	<b>28</b> Use a doll or stuffed toy to show how to blow a nose with a tissue.	<b>29</b> <i>GSL Summer Playdate in Hartland 10-11:30 a.m.</i>	<b>30</b> Practice writing and recognizing numbers 1-10.	<b>31</b> Play a game and let someone else go first.	



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# AUGUST 2026



## BOOKS TO GET YOUR CHILD EXCITED FOR KINDERGARTEN




*Kindergarten Rocks*  
by Katie Davis

*On the Way to Kindergarten*  
by Virginia Kröll

*The Night Before Kindergarten*  
by Natasha Wing

*The Kissing Hand*  
by A. Penn

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					Mark the first day of school on your calendar! 	<b>1</b> It's a new month! Practice reciting the months of the year.
<b>2</b> Visit a local sunflower field. 	<b>3</b> Pretend it's the first day of school. Practice saying goodbye.	<b>4</b> Create a school lunch plan.	<b>5</b> Practice reciting your address & phone number.	<b>6</b> Backpacks for Kids event at your school district 	<b>7</b> Color a picture with markers and practice snapping the cap on tight.	<b>8</b> SEL CRA Touch-A-Truck 10a.m. - 12 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - Sensory
<b>9</b> Start working on routines. Move to school year bedtimes.	<b>10</b> Talk about bus safety. 	<b>11</b> Drive by your child's school. Stop and explore the playground.	<b>12</b> Have your child practice wearing a backpack.	<b>13</b> Do a random act of kindness as a family.	<b>14</b> Howell Melon Festival Aug. 14-16	<b>15</b> Ready, Set, School! 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2/42 Community Center
<b>16</b> Head outside for some water play. 	<b>17</b> Have your child retell a story you've read together.	<b>18</b> Make puppets together with socks or paper bags.	<b>19</b> Draw a self-portrait using chalk.	<b>20</b> Have your child set the table & count the correct number of plates & glasses.	<b>21</b> Have a bonfire and make s'mores together. 	<b>22</b> Play a round of mini-golf. Let your child help you keep score.
<b>23/30</b> Visit a local farmers market. Talk about the colorful produce you see.	<b>24/31</b> Talk about feelings. Help your child name theirs.	<b>25</b> Visit a Little Free Library for some books. 	<b>26</b> Write the alphabet on paper. Have your child touch each letter as you say the letters.	<b>27</b> Turn chores into a game! Match socks or line up canned goods.	<b>28</b> Ask your child to write or draw what makes them happy.	<b>29</b> Practice putting on and zipping coats.




**Zzz BED TIME**

Five-year-olds need about 11-12 hours of sleep per night to be ready to be ready to learn.

Begin to adjust bedtime and wake-up time about 2 weeks before Kindergarten starts.

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