

GET READY FOR kindergarten WITH



What does a kindergarten student need to know?

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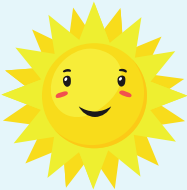
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Look for our **FREE Summer Playdates Around Livingston County!**




GreatStartLivingston.org/playdates

JUNE 2025




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Did you register for kindergarten? Call your local district to register!	2 Summer Reading Kick-off at Howell Library 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	3 Go on a shape hunt around the house.	4 Practice sounding out the words on signs you see.	5 	6 Summer Reading Kick-off Party at Hamburg Library 6 p.m.	7 Use silly words that rhyme with your child's name.
8 Summerfest at Brighton Library 1-3 p.m.	9 Play a game that encourages cooperation.	10 Bring toys outside for fun in the sun.	11 Hamburg Family Fun Fest June 11-15	12 Look through family photos together.	13 Plant flowers together and water them.	14 Fun In The 'Ville in Fowlerville
15 Play 'Simon Says' and give your child two things to do.	16 Books & Beats at 2 42 Brighton 11 a.m.	17 Summer Reading Kick-Off at Fowlerville Library 10 a.m.	18  Visit a local StoryWalk.	19 GSL Family Coalition Picnic at Genoa Park 5:45 – 7:45 p.m.	20 Create a family mantra you can say together each morning.	21 Make something out of recycled items.
22  Pick strawberries together at a local farm.	23 Talk about the power of "yet" and the importance of practice.	24 Count how many steps it takes to get from the driveway to the house.	25 Visit a library you've never been to before.	26 Have your child recall a story or event in order (first, middle, last).	27 Balloonfest June 27-29	28 
29 What is the weather like today? Discuss with your child.	30 Create with play-doh.					



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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Practice

Help your child learn to complete self-care tasks independently.



- **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**



JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Plan a visit to a museum with the Michigan Activity Pass Program.	2 Have your child help with laundry.	3 	4 Downtown Brighton 4th of July Parade 10 a.m.	5 Have your child practice jumping with two feet and hopping on one.
6 Let your child practice using scissors to cut scrap paper.	7 Gemini Concert at Howell Library 11 a.m.	8 Go grocery shopping and have your child take charge of the list.	9 Baffling Bill the Magician at Pinckney Library 11 a.m.	10 Cook in the kitchen together. Have your child help follow the recipe.	11 Sensory Playtime at Fowlerville Library 10 a.m.	12 Build a blanket fort together.
13  Pick blueberries at a local farm.	14 Go on a picnic. Let your child plan the meal.	15 Play a game that encourages turn-taking.	16 Make a paper chain countdown to school starting.	17 Foam Party at Howell Library 1 p.m.	18 Have your child practice putting on their own clothes and shoes.	19 Practice opening milk cartons and/or juice boxes.
20 Make a plan for what to do when school feels frustrating.	21 Fowlerville Fair July 21-26	22 Family Art Fun at Brighton Library 2-4 p.m.	23 Storytime at The AMP in Brighton 10 a.m.	24 Sing a favorite song in the car together.	25 Take a nature walk as a family.	26 
27 Catch, count, and release fireflies as a family.	28 Read a book about going to school.	29 Use a doll or stuffed toy to show how to blow a nose with a tissue.	30 Plan a playdate with a friend.	31 Practice numbers and letters with chalk.		



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AUGUST 2025



BOOKS TO GET YOUR CHILD EXCITED FOR KINDERGARTEN









Kindergarten Rocks
by Katie Davis

On the Way to Kindergarten
by Virginia Kroll

The Night Before Kindergarten
by Natasha Wing

The Kissing Hand
by A. Penn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mark the first day of school on your calendar! 	2 Ready, Set, School! at Brighton Fire Station 34 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3 Visit a local sunflower field. 	4 Pretend it's the first day of school. Practice saying goodbye.	5 Create a school lunch plan.	6 Practice your address & phone number with your child.	7 Backpacks for Kids event at your school district 	8 Comedy/Magic Show at Brighton Library 10:15 a.m. OR 11:45 a.m.	9 Drive by your child's school. Stop and explore the playground.
10 Start working on routines. Move to school year bedtimes.	11 Talk about bus safety. 	12 Picasso Magic Show at Fowlerville Library 10 a.m.	13 Have your child practice wearing a backpack.	14 Summer Messtival at Pinckney Library 3-5 p.m.	15 Howell Melon Festival Aug. 15-17	16 Say hello on a video call with a friend or relative.
17 Head outside for some water play. 	18 Read favorite books outside with snacks.	19 Make puppets together with socks or paper bags.	20 Create an activity path using chalk to encourage movement.	21 Have your child set the table & count the correct number of plates & glasses.	22 Have a bonfire and make s'mores together. 	23 Play a round of mini-golf. Let your child help you keep score.
24 / 31 Visit a local farmers market. Talk about the colorful produce you see.	25 Talk about feelings. Help your child name theirs.	26 Visit a Little Free Library for some books. 	27 Write the alphabet on paper. Have your child touch each letter as you say the letters.	28 Turn chores into a game! Match socks or line up canned goods.	29 Ask your child to write or draw what makes them happy.	30 Do a random act of kindness as a family.





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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