



Unit 4: Ready For Kindergarten

Week 8: What's Kindergarten Like?

LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Kindergarten Rocks!* by Katie Davis, and a pencil or crayon



ACTIVITY STEPS:

START by reminding your preschooler that you are continuing to read *Kindergarten Rocks!* See what your preschooler remembers about the story.

ASK QUESTIONS and wait 3-5 seconds for an answer. Example questions:

What do you remember about this book?

What was your favorite part?

READ *Kindergarten Rocks!* with your preschooler! Try taking turns pretending to be different characters with your preschooler. Help your preschooler read the dialogue for his/her character.

TALK with your preschooler about the different places in Kindergarten. You might talk about the bus, classroom, cafeteria, gym, library, or computer lab!

IDENTIFY. Flip through the story and help your preschooler identify all of the words that he or she can read. Congratulate your preschooler on knowing so many words! You can help your preschooler learn new words by practicing how to sound them out. Remember to be patient.

REVIEW. Ask your preschooler to retell you the story once you've finished. Learning how to retell a sequence of events is an important skill for Kindergarten!

CONNECT the story to what your preschooler already knows. How is Kindergarten similar to or different from what your preschooler does during the day?

SUPPORT. Make sure to explore any questions or concerns your preschooler has about Kindergarten. New places can be scary, and your preschooler needs to know that you are there to help!

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: Set up a play date for your preschooler with an older neighbor or family member so that he or she can talk to your preschooler about what Kindergarten is really like!

WRITING EXTENSION: On the back of this page, help your preschooler make a short list about the things that he/she does during the day when not at preschool or Kindergarten! How are some of these things like or unlike the things that Dexter does at Kindergarten?