



Unit 4: Ready For Kindergarten

Week 4: Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten



LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate, and a pencil or crayon

ACTIVITY STEPS:

START by showing your preschooler the front cover of *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* and read him or her the title. Help your preschooler make predictions about the story.

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

What do you think this story is going to be about?

What pictures do you see on the cover?

What is the job of the author? What is the job of the illustrator?

SING the ABC's with your preschooler to get ready to read. Point to the letters on the book's cover or pages as you sing!

READ *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* with your preschooler. Have fun! Take it slow and make 'pit stops' along your reading journey to discuss the pictures or the things happening in the story. Allow your preschooler to lead the way as you read together.

TALK with your preschooler about letters and the sounds that they make. This book makes it easy by highlighting the first letter of words. Does your preschooler know what sound **W** makes?

FIND shapes, colors, and patterns! There are lots used throughout this text. Point them out with your preschooler and ask him or her to tell you what they're called. Then, flip to the very last page of the book and talk with your preschooler about different animals. You can help him or her by reading the names of the characters. What does your preschooler know about animals? Do they really go to school?

REFLECT. Ask your preschooler questions about the way that Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten. Here are some possible questions:

What does Miss Bindergarten do to get ready for kindergarten?

What do you see in Miss Bindergarten's classroom?

Does Miss Bindergarten's classroom look like a fun place?

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: Help your preschooler make up rhymes about what he or she will do to get ready for kindergarten.

WRITING EXTENSION: Help your preschooler retell the story of how Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten by drawing and illustrating it in his or her own words on the back of this page.