

Unit Four: Ready for Kindergarten
Week Four: Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

Objectives:

To read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* with your preschooler and help him or her prepare for kindergarten.

Materials:

A copy of *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate

Week Four Lesson Steps:

1. 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.

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?

Ice Breaker/Introduction:

Help your preschooler prepare for this story by singing the “ABCs” with him or her. You can also point to the corresponding letter as you read.

2. Read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* with your preschooler. Be sure to devote at least 15 minutes to this quality time with your preschooler.

Fun and Easy Reading Tips:

- Help your preschooler identify rhymes in the text. You can provide him or her with choice by asking, “Does ‘Packer’ rhyme with ‘cracker’ or ‘friend’?”
- 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?
- 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?
- There are lots of colors, shapes, and patterns used throughout this text. Point them out with your preschooler!
- 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?

Conclusion:

Today you read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* with your preschooler and talked about rhyme and letter sounds. Your preschooler is almost ready for kindergarten!

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.

Early Developmental Standards Taught in Week Four:

- With modeling and support, ask and answer questions about text read aloud.
- Participate in listening to common types of text.
- With guidance and support, relate the story to previously read stories, ideas in the themes, or personal life experiences.
- Handle books respectfully and appropriately, right side up and turning pages one at a time, front to back.
- Recognize and discriminate rhyming words in spoken language.