

Kindergarten Readiness Resources

Social and Creative Activities/Games

- Go on a hunt in your yard, neighborhood, or park for items you can turn into art.
 Leaves, flowers, and sticks all make great pieces for a collage when glued to a page.
- "How would you feel?"
 - This is a grid of different situations to discuss with your child. Ask them how they would feel and what they might do to feel better or help someone feeling that way.
- <u>Peanut Butter & Cupcake</u> Read aloud, then complete this activity: <u>A Good Friend writing.</u>.. A parent can ask, "what does a good friend do?" and write down the child's ideas on a blank piece of paper. The child can also draw a time when they were a good friend or had a good friend!
- The Bad Mood & The Stick During the read aloud, talk about the questions the reader asks. Have you ever been in a bad mood? What makes you have a bad mood? What can make you feel better when you have a bad mood? Then complete this activity: On a blank sheet of paper, an adult can cut out the shape of a cloud. Have the child color their bad mood cloud with crayons, colored pencils, markers, or paints, whatever you have on hand! You could even go outside and draw the bad mood with sidewalk chalk.
- Sometimes I'm Bombaloo read aloud. After the story, ask your child what makes them angry or upset? What do they do when they feel angry or upset? How do they stop being angry or calm themself down? Does it sometimes feel a little scary when they are angry or upset? How did Katie calm down when she was bombaloo? Talk about different ways your child might handle situations that make them angry or upset without going bombaloo? Make a chart (like this Bombaloo Chart) that shows the kinds of situations that make her angry or upset and how she can feel better. An adult can write down her ideas, and they can draw a picture of what makes them angry and how they can feel better.

Letter Knowledge/Literacy Activities/Games

- Education.com Alphabet Games
- PBS Kids Alphabet Games
- Go on a letter hunt in your home! Choose a letter and find things that begin with that letter. For example, if you choose "b" you might find bubble bath, bed, berries, baby dolls, and bandaids!
- 25 Ways to use Magnetic Letters at Home, with printable letter cards

Math Games/Activities

- Education.com Math Games
- Practice counting things in your home. You can count items of clothing while folding laundry, pieces of cereal, the number of crackers to eat for a snack, a collection of rocks in the backyard, legos, and so much more!
- Go on a shape hunt in your home or neighborhood. How many squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, or ovals can you find?

Read Aloud Resources

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Local Libraries:

- Ada Community Libraries
- Meridian Library
- Nampa Public Library
- Middleton Public Library
- Emmett Public Library
- Caldwell Public Library
- Eagle Public Library
- Digital library books can also be available through the Libby app, using your library card number