

# Hello!

**Dear Kindergarten Teacher,**

Treehouse Children's Museum and I want to thank you for supporting our "Get Ready for Kindergarten with Miss Bindergarten" effort. We hope you find the materials valuable in helping parents understand their important role in preparing their children for the start of school. In order to ensure that parents really commit to using the materials and engaging with their children, we need your help.



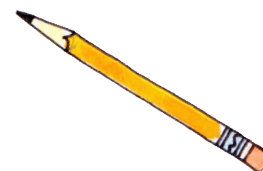
As you distribute the materials, please encourage parents to:



1. Read both the books as storybooks with their children before they start the activities. The Activity Book has a rhyming line on one side of each spread that families can read together first as they look at the fun pictures.
2. Set aside 10 or 15 minutes each day to do one or two of the activities in the book with their child. Families should be reading other books every day, too.
3. Become familiar with the checklist toward the back of the book that lists the things their child should know before school starts. Encourage them to check things off as their child demonstrates these skills.
4. Pull and cut out the cards in the back of the Activity Book and put them in zip lock bags or an envelope so they are ready to play the games with their child.
5. Play rhyming games and sing songs as often as you can – in the car, in the store and doing chores.

Teachers who participated in the pilot and first years of the project found the materials made the most impact on readiness if teachers reminded parents through emails or texts about the activities they should do during the summer months before school started. Some schools put a reminder on their school phone system and others posted it on their outside marquee signs and websites to keep it "top of mind" with busy parents.

Your district will be sending us the DIBELs composite data from the beginning of the year compared to the last year prior to receiving the materials so Treehouse can measure impact, but you can help us by asking parents in the fall directly if they used the materials, if the Activity Book was helpful and easy to use, what their favorite activities were, and what they learned about their child by doing the activities together.



We appreciate and admire Kindergarten teachers so much. We welcome your feedback and suggestions and we'll be asking you to complete a 10 question survey about your experience mid year. And, if you get a chance to talk to a Utah Legislator, thank them for helping to fund this project. Getting ready for Kindergarten is important work!

*Miss Bindergarten*

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