# COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

#### AT BIRTH: 2000 DAYS UNTIL KINDERGARTEN

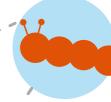


## FIRST BIRTHDAY: 1635 DAYS UNTIL KINDERGARTEN

Reading to your child for 20 minutes a day exposes them to 1,800,000 words a year, and up to 9,000,000 words before kindergarten.

## SECOND BIRTHDAY: 1270 DAYS UNTIL KINDERGARTEN

Engaging in imaginative play while modeling how to manage feelings is a great way to encourage social emotional skills.





## THIRD BIRTHDAY: 905 DAYS UNTIL KINDERGARTEN

Math is all around us and everyday activities like sorting socks and baking cookies can help develop early math skills leading to success in kindergarten

#### FOURTH BIRTHDAY: 540 DAYS UNTIL KINDERGARTEN

Creative play allows children to make decisions for themselves, which builds confidence and selfsufficiency to have success in school and life.

## WHY EARLY LEARNING MATTERS

A strong foundation to succeed in school and life starts in a child's earliest years. Children who enter kindergarten without early social, math and literacy skills will likely remain behind their peers throughout their education.

#### **HOW WE CAN HELP**

If you need help finding early childhood education and care for your child contact our Family Engagement Team:

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