

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Edward-Epiphany School! We are excited about meeting and teaching your child in the fall!

In the enclosed packet, you will find fun reading, math, and science activities that will enhance your child's basic academic skills. We also included some suggestions that will enable your child to develop his/ her fine motor skills. We recommend that you and your child complete these activities throughout the summer. We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation!

Blessings,

Mrs. Hoag and Mrs. Morgan



## **Letters and Numbers**

Practice counting to 1-20

Practice counting using small objects

Match a numeral with that amount of objects

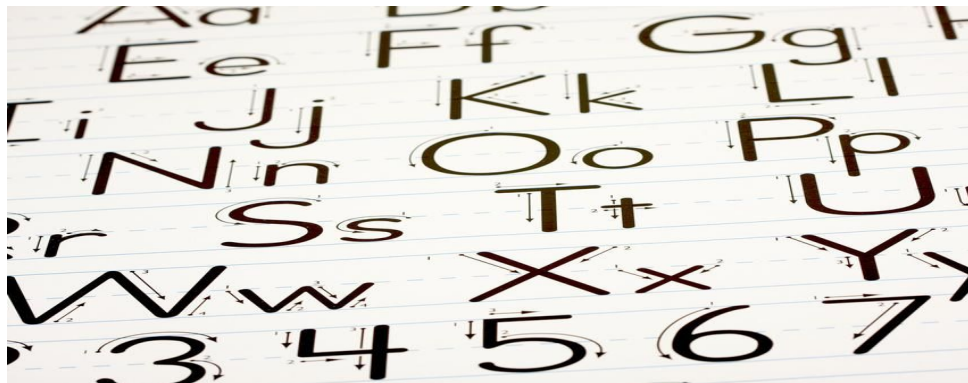
Practice writing numerals and letters in the bathtub, sand, carpet, on table using shaving cream, play-doh, pudding, etc.

Play BINGO

Practice writing his/ her name using proper lower case letters

Practice recognizing upper and lower case letters

Review alphabetic sounds (only short vowel sounds as in cat)



## READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Reading with your child is one of the most enjoyable and educational activities you can do as a parent. During the summer months we recommend that you spend 15 to 20 minutes a day reading aloud to your child. Set aside time before or after dinner and before bed.

When reading with your child...

- \*Be enthusiastic
- \*Change your voice and facial expressions
- \*Establish regular reading times
- \*Help children notice new information
- \*Point out pictures as they relate to the story
- \*Explain words they may not know to help increase vocabulary
- \*Ask children questions before and after reading
- \*Encourage children to talk about the book
- \*Read many kinds of books
- \*Choose books that help you teach
- \*Reread favorite books



## LISTENING AND FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

Listen to and learn songs from children's music/dvd

Complete puzzles

Practice rhyming words

Practice using directional words such as *over, under, beside, on top, below, right, and left*

Practice recognizing and creating patterns

Quiz your child on basic colors and shapes

Practice self-help skills such as buttoning and zipping clothing

Encourage your child to follow two and three step directions



OUTSIDE FUN

Use sidewalk chalk to practice writing letters, numbers, your child's name, and shapes

Using a bucket of water and a large paint brush, have your child "paint" the sidewalk, deck, driveway

To improve gross motor skills, kick and throw different sized balls, jump rope, swim, play on the monkey bars

Have your child help you work in the yard or garden or take an "adventure walk"

## MATH HOME CONNECTIONS

Encourage counting frequently in daily routines, such as counting the time you sit at a stoplight, counting how many doors, windows, and telephones in your home

Before giving your child a snack, estimate how many crackers, cookies there are.

Choose books from the library that encourage counting. *Splash* by Ann Jonas is one example.

Build one-to-one correspondence by letting your child set the table. Show him/her how to put one plate, one cup, and one fork at each place.

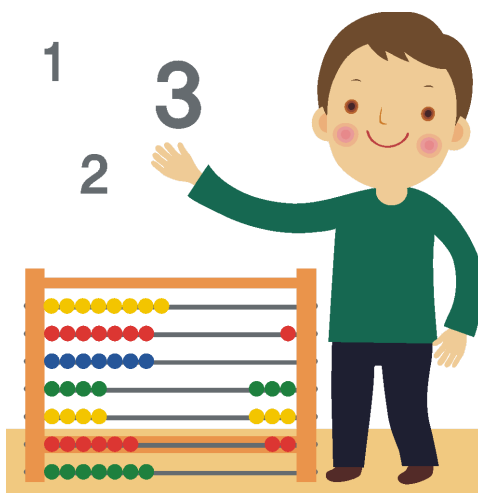
Ask your child to find shapes by saying, “Find something that is a circle, or find something that is a triangle.”

Put your child’s shoes in a pile and have them match the pairs of shoes and put them away.

Develop the concept of part to whole by doing puzzles.

Have your child help sort laundry before you wash by putting all of the socks in a pile, the shirts in a pile, and the pants in a pile.

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## SCIENCE HOME CONNECTIONS

Create a “feely” bag. Place a variety of objects in the bag and have your child identify the objects by touching only. Have your child describe how it feels(soft/hard, smooth/bumpy, etc.)

Help your child learn about life science through planting a seed(bean or grass seeds) in a small cup or pot. Talk with your child about what plants need to grow, such as water and light.

Allow your child to check the weather and decide what to wear.

Take a nature walk and collect rocks. Sort them by size, color, texture, and shape.

Check out books from the library about animals, plants, and other science concepts.

During bath time, discuss which toys sink and which toys float. Do some “experiments” to see if you can change what they do. For example, fill a bowl with water and see if it will sink.

Look at the night sky and observe how the moon changes.

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**We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in August!     Mrs. Hoag and Mrs. Morgan**

