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Read and write the alphabet together.

Help your child recognize the different letters of the alphabet.

- Shuffle alphabet magnets in a bag or box and have your child pull one out at a time and name them.
- Read a book and look for a specific letter such as finding all of the “b’s” in the story.
- Make flash cards of uppercase and lowercase letters and practice often.
- Write out the alphabet and have your child touch each letter while you sing the alphabet song.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Get Ready for Your First Day of School:

- Before the first day of school, help your child choose clothing, a school bag, shoes and supplies.
- Play school with your child and take turns being the teacher.
- Eat a meal from lunch boxes or bags and show your child how to clean-up.
- Visit your child’s school and explore the classroom and look at the books and materials.
- Find out about the daily schedule for your child’s class.
- Create a fun map showing the way to school with pictures of various landmarks along the way.
- Teach your child how to cross the street by stopping, looking left, looking right and looking left again.
- Encourage your child to wait patiently for the bus and not run or play.



- 1 **Get Ready:**
Visit your new school and play on the playground.

- 2 **Friendship Day**
Celebrate with a friend!

- 3 **Letter Time:**
Find things that begin with the letter “B.”

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- 6 **Library Day**


- 7 **Practice:**
Sing the ‘ABC’ song together during bathtime.

- 8 **Memory Game:**
Make flash cards for lower and uppercase letters and have your child match them.



9 **Smokey the Bear's Birthday**

Get Ready:
Organize what your child will need for the first day of school.

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11 **Read to Me:**
Read a book about going to school.

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13 **Practice:**
Zippers, snaps and buttons.

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15 **Letter Time:**
Look for words that begin with the same first letter.



16 **Art Time:**
Draw a picture of your new school.

17 **Practice:**
Have your child practice your phone number and address.

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19 **Orville Wright's Birthday**
Make paper airplanes today!



20 **Library Day**



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22 **Get Ready:**
Pretend it's the first day of school and practice ways to say "good-bye."

23 **Practice:**
Taking turns and sharing.

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25 **Letter Time:**
Use alphabet magnets to spell names and favorite words.

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27 **What . . . ?**
Rhymes with the word mouse?



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29 **Be with Me:**
Put together a puzzle with your child.

Books to Keep You Busy in August:

- Heartprints* by P.K. Hallinan
- May I Bring a Friend* by Beatrice de Regniers
- Amazing Airplanes* by Tony Mitton
- When We Go Camping* by Margriet Ruurs
- The Night Before Summer Vacation* by Natasha Wing
- A Summery Saturday Morning* by Margaret Mahy
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen

August is Family Fun Month!

