



Get Ready to Read

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Scissor Skills

Cutting with scissors is one of the skills needed for children to be ready for kindergarten. Being able to use scissors doesn't occur right away though, but typically happens at these ages:

- **2 Years** - Begin opening and closing scissors with two hands.
- **3-4 Years** - Usually can cut a piece of paper into two parts. They also begin to show a hand preference (right or left).
- **4-5 Years** - Can learn to cut straight and curved lines and use their opposite hand to hold the paper that's being cut.
- **5-6 Years** - Cutting skills are often fully developed enough to cut out shapes like circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.

These activities can help your child develop the skills needed to use scissors:

- Practice opening and closing skills by using tongs, tweezers, and clothes pins.
- Use tongs to transfer pom-poms or crumpled paper into a container.
- Build hand strength by squeezing the trigger of spray bottles.
- Practice cutting paper that has straight and curvy lines drawn on it.

Fingerplay

Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Give a little clap, clap, clap!
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Lay them in your lap.

Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
To your shoulders fly.
Now like little birdies,
Let them fly up to the sky!

Books to Read

The Worry Monster: Calming Anxiety with Mindfulness

by Dr. Catherine Cook-Cottone

Don't Disturb the Dragon! A Bedtime Adventure

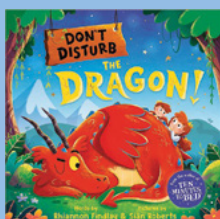
by Rhiannon Findlay

Between You and Me by Rob Sanders

Follow Your Heart by Emma Dodd

Just One More Story by Perry Emerson

Cold by Tim McCanna





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Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 How many months are in a year? Use a calendar to count them.	2 Talk about fun things your family will do this year.	3 Use beads, blocks, or buttons and make a pattern.	4 Start a band in the kitchen using pots, spoons, and boxes.
5 Count the fingers of everyone in your house.	6 Sing the fingerplay <i>Open, Shut Them</i> . (Words on other side.)	7 Go through the calendar and put your name on your birthday.	8 Bubble Bath Day! Take a bath with bubbles tonight.	9 Draw five circles. Cut them out.	10 Make up a story about an imaginary creature.	11 Go for a walk outside and count how many trees you see.
12 Give ten hugs today.	13 Help make a grocery list. You can draw pictures!	14 Look at family photos. Talk about what was happening.	15 Draw a colorful dragon and give it a fun name.	16 Arrange your toys from shortest to tallest.	17 Kid Inventors' Day! Learn about kid inventions.	18 Ask your parents about their favorite books as a kid.
19 Read a book about snow.	20 Go to the library and check out a new book.	21 Look at pictures of snowflakes then draw your own.	22 Make a pillow fort to read in.	23 Walk like a penguin, then a polar bear, then an ice skater.	24 Black-Out! Try to go all day without looking at a TV, tablet or phone.	25 What animals love cold weather?
26 Play <i>Simon Says</i> .	27 Try to pick up cotton balls using a clothespin.	28 Make a big bowl of popcorn and watch your favorite movie.	29 Celebrate National Puzzle Day and do a puzzle with your family.	30 Sing your favorite song super slow and super fast!	31 Look out your window. How many green things do you see?	

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