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Ready for School

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This activity is inspired by Sesame Street in Communities' activity, "Ready for School Challenge."

Monthly Activity

ABC Ready for School

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Sound Scavenger Hunt

One of the first steps in building reading skills is learning to recognize the different sounds of the alphabet. To help your child practice the different sounds, draw a letter on a piece of paper and practice saying the sound it makes aloud with your child. Then, help your child go on a scavenger hunt around your home to find items that start with that same sound. Continue with different letters of the alphabet for a fun and educational activity!

Books listed below are available in e-book or regular book format for pick up at your local library.

- Planet Kindergarten by Sue Ganz-Schmitt
- Kindergarten Diary by Antoinette Portis
- A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey
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