

This is a special addition of EduScoop. It is written especially for families with little ones who will enter the EduKids' Kindergarten Readiness PreK classrooms in just a few weeks. September 2016 will usher your child, and you, into the marvelous world of "formal" education and learning.

***It is a wonderful world of discovery, new insights, excitement and friendship.***

Building on your child's skills and interests, PreK introduces them to new ideas, cool constructions, funny authors, math magic, early reading & writing projects, scientific discoveries, inspirational artists and amazing dance moves! Friendships are forged. Independence and self- help skills blossom and the goal is set to enjoy wonderful learning at 4 years old.

Play is the foundation of learning when you are a child. Your preschooler will have a rich classroom designed to support learning through Legos to create patterns and shapes, and investigating weights & measures dressed up as a chef in the kitchen center. After reading Let's Try It Out: With Towers and Bridges by Seymour Simon, children will build in the block corner. Playing with cars and trains on the floor builds friendships and understanding of ramps and wheels. Puzzles, sink & float water tables, computer stations, arts & crafts areas, design cubes, cozy corners, music & movement and sing- alongs make for a learning filled day of fun.

The NYS Foundations for the Common Core written by Early Childhood experts and The Early Learning Guidelines; The NYS Early Childhood Learning Council are the base of planning and instruction. These curriculum guides support your child's development in all skill areas with research based rationale along with suggested themes development, extension activities and resources for teachers. Our PreK teachers have focused training on "first steps" for academic growth and foundations that will provide your preschooler with learning days designed just for them!

Your EduKids Kindergarten Readiness PreK student will learn and grow through thoughtful planning and engaging activities in: *Examples*

**Literacy**

Letter and sound recognition  
 Meaningful sight words  
 Writing names and meaningful words  
 Reading and writing labels  
 Creating stories  
 Listening to, discussing and retelling stories  
 Comprehension  
 Rhyming and rhyme patterns

**Math & Science**

Number recognition and quantity  
 Patterns  
 1 -1 correspondence  
 Writing numbers  
 Shapes; identifying, making and using shapes in construction  
 Weights & measures  
 Scientific method & inquiry  
 Critical thinking  
 Classifying, ordering and sequence

**Health & Wellness**

Friendship focus  
 Cooperation  
 Care for self & others  
 Sharing time & materials  
 Organization & planning  
 Turn taking & waiting  
 Initiative  
 Safety  
 Nutrition  
 Healthy hygiene habits

