

# What Kindergartners Need to Know: Ages 5-6 Checklist

In Kindergarten, students are really developing their foundation for reading and writing. Students' progress from the beginning of the year to the end of the year is very dramatic in Kindergarten. They improve drastically and it's really fun to see.

## Here are some concepts you can practice at this age:

- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Writing (at the beginning of the year it may just be symbols, but will develop into words and sentences throughout the year. They should practice 3-4 times a week.)
- ☐ Math: addition, subtraction, word problems, time, 3D shapes
- ☐ Science: animal adaptations, pushes and pulls, weather
- ☐ Social Studies: maps, calendar, community workers, national landmarks

## Types of activities to incorporate with teaching these concepts that are great for this age:

- \*For all grades I personally like thematic teaching. It's best to pick a topic through science or social studies and use that topic to teach everything else (math, writing, reading)
- \*Projects: falling under the realm of thematic teaching, projects are a great way to help teach in this way
- \*Hands-on: I believe students should learn through hands-on in all grade levels
- \*Crafts
- \*Pairing physical activity with learning
- \*Teaching in different ways (videos, crafts, games, etc)