

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

## ~ Taradale School ~

Over the summer, please continue to work with your child so that they feel confident and ready for Kindergarten in September. Here are a few suggestions of areas on which to focus:

### Literacy

- say first and last name
- recognize and print first name and identify the letters
- recognize and name some letters of the alphabet
- identify some letter sounds, starting with the letters in name
- print some letters
- listen to and talk about stories (e.g. characters, problem, solution and important events)
- engage in conversations about personal ideas, experiences and events

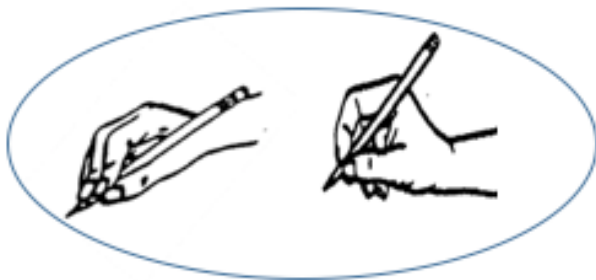
### Math

- count groups of objects up to 10
- recognize numbers 1 to 10
- sort objects into different groups
- recognize colours and shapes

### Fine-Motor Skills (the use of small muscles that control our hands, fingers and thumbs)

- hold a pencil properly between thumb and index finger
- draw lines (e.g. | \ / O X) and basic shapes (e.g. square, triangle)
- hold scissors safely with thumb on the top and fingers on the bottom
- cut paper in straight line and cut out basic shapes
- open and close food containers
- put on and take off coat, and hang up coat by the collar
- fix coat or sweater sleeves
- zip things up, like coat and backpack
- put shoes on and take them off independently

#### How to Hold a Pencil



#### How to Hold a Pair of Scissors

