6 Tips for Helping Your Kindergartner Online

Create a Weekly Schedule & Daily Routine
Children thrive when they have a routine and know what to expect. It will also help you be more organized. Plan out a daily routine. Try to keep it consistent each day.

Set Up Your Work Space
Create a space for your child to do his or her schoolwork. Your child will need a clean, organized, distraction-free area to work. You’ll also want to include the materials and resources needed most often while learning.

Take Frequent Breaks
Especially in the primary grades, frequent breaks are important. Children can focus on a task for 2-5 minutes per year old. For our Kindergartners, that is 10-30 minutes, depending on the child. Keep this in mind when working through your lessons and allow them to have brain breaks as needed. This can be playing outside, dancing to a fun song, or an activity they love.

Keep a Portfolio
Remember to keep the work that your child completes throughout the year.

Use a Reward System
Finding out what motivates your children can be helpful as they work through their school year. Coming up with a reward system can be a great motivation tool and make your life as a home educator easier. Students may be motivated by things like sticker charts, special outings, time to play their favorite games, etc. Once you know what will motivate them, build that into your weekly schedule.
Incorporate Play

Especially at the Kindergarten age, play is so important. Through play, kids can develop their critical thinking, social skills, and problem-solving skills. Be sure to allow them time to play and allow time for it in your daily routine.

Above all, my biggest tip is to make learning FUN!

When kids are having fun and are engaged in what they’re learning, they’re more likely to retain this new information. Additionally, when kids are having fun, they’re likely to have positive feelings about school and learning. In Kindergarten, these experiences lay the foundation and set the tone for their school years to come. It’s so important to get off to a good start!

As a parent, you are an integral part of your child’s education.

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