How can we begin preparing together?
From naeyc.org, written by Traci Galuski:
"Here are some tips to help prepare your child for kindergarten:"
- "Help [them] develop independence at home" (put away toys, hang up coat, clear own dishes)
- "Focus on self-help skills" (see bottom right)
- "Teach responsibility" (refill water bottle, empty backpack)
- "Develop and follow routines" (get up at the same time daily, get dressed, eat breakfast together)
- "Read aloud to your child"
- "Engage [them] in meaningful literacy activities" (write thank you notes, shopping lists together)
- "Acknowledge [their] feelings" (appreciate and support all stages of the transition: worried, excited, cautious, eager)

Upcoming:
- Early Childhood Family Resource Fair: April 9th from 9-noon at Kennedy Early Childhood Center (more info to come via email)
- Launch of the TYKES online resource hub. Go to tykesdc.org to sign up for updates!

Skills To Target: Rhyme Time
Rhyming plays a big role in early literacy. Sing rhyming songs together while clapping to the beat. Read rhyming books (see list above to get started). Play rhyming games. Be silly and have fun with sounds!

Books to Read:
The Gruffalo
by Julia Donaldson
Giraffes Can't Dance
by Giles Andreae
Starry Safari
by Linda Ashman
Llama Llama Red Pajama
by Anna Dewdney

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READY, SET, KINDergarten!

Self Help Skills
- Dropping off and picking up in the school drive-through line? Work on buckling and unbuckling carseats on their own!
- Meals are busy at school - can your child open their lunch box and cartons or containers without help? Give it a go!
- Sneezes happen! How about wiping their nose and washing hands without help? You got this!
- Zippers and buttons and snaps, oh my! Practice at home for success at school!