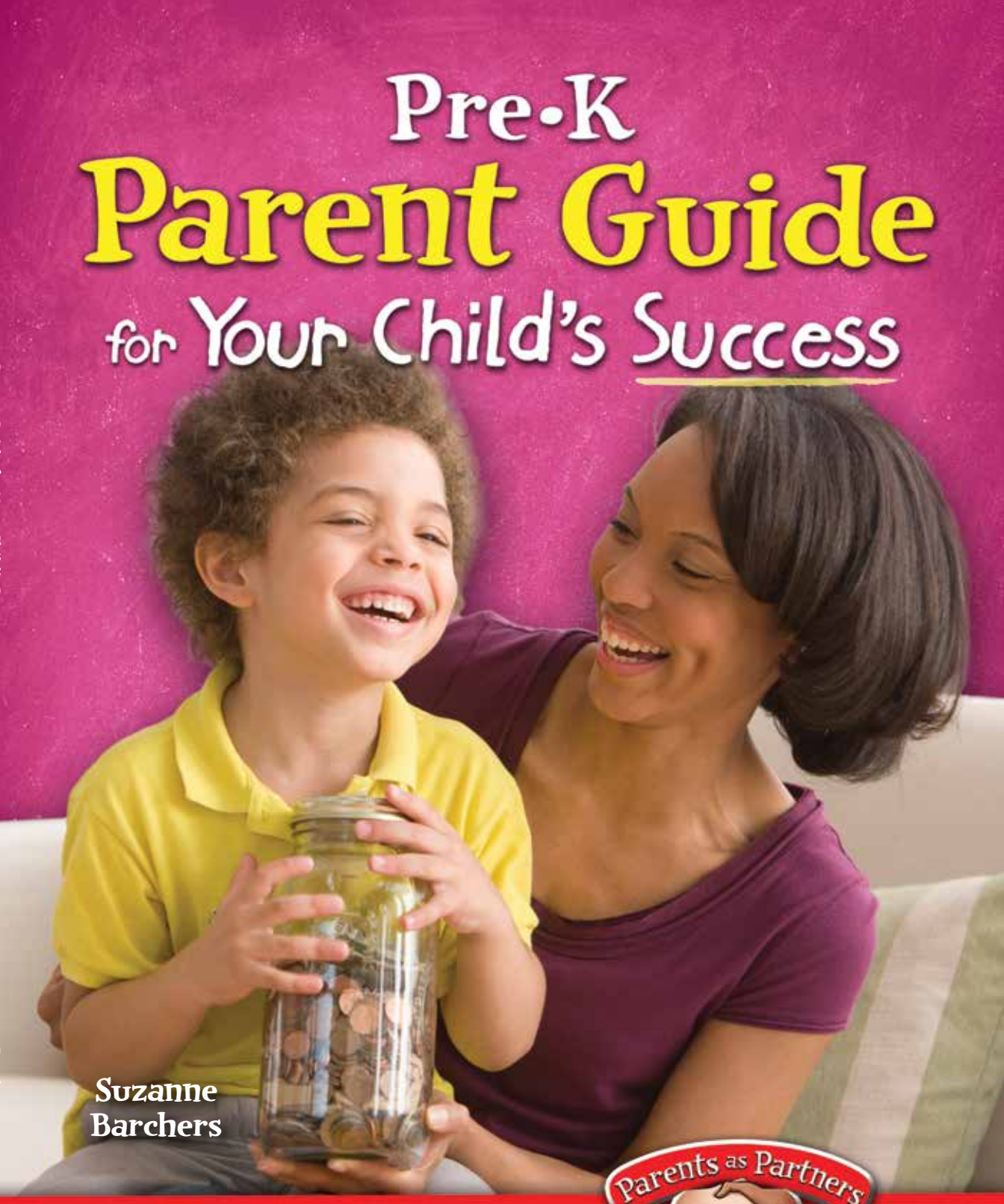
Pre-K Parent Guide for Your Child's Success



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Dear Family,

Congratulations! You've wisely enrolled your child in school to help prepare him or her for kindergarten. Your child may have been in day care and is familiar with organized activities. Or, this may be the first time that your child has been away from home for an extended period of time. While some children take a while to adjust to a school setting, there is one thing true about most youngsters at this age—they love learning!

There are many changes ahead, but there is one other constant besides this natural love of learning; you will continue to be the most important teacher in your child's life. This parent guide will give you some ideas for continuing this role of helping your child learn, from tips for getting organized, to learning on the go throughout your busy day. Some of these practices will be familiar and some will be new. Many will serve you well for the next dozen or more years!

One last thought...

Your child's teacher can be a great resource, so stay in touch and know that questions are welcome!

A Great Start

Remember when you could get organized during your child's afternoon naps? Those days are either already gone or will be in the very near future! And, if you work outside the home as well, getting organized is even more important. Here's the good news…your child can help!

Try these ideas to help your child be organized and responsible.

In- and Out-Boxes

Establish a time to go through the papers your child brings home. If you arrive home after your prekindergartner does, have an in-box for your child. Review the materials, and those that go back to the school can be put in an out-box.

Chores

Take time to establish age-appropriate chores and responsibilities with your child.

School at Home

Keep a regular time of 15 to 20 minutes for reading or looking at picture books.