Kindergarten Parent Guide for Your Child's Success

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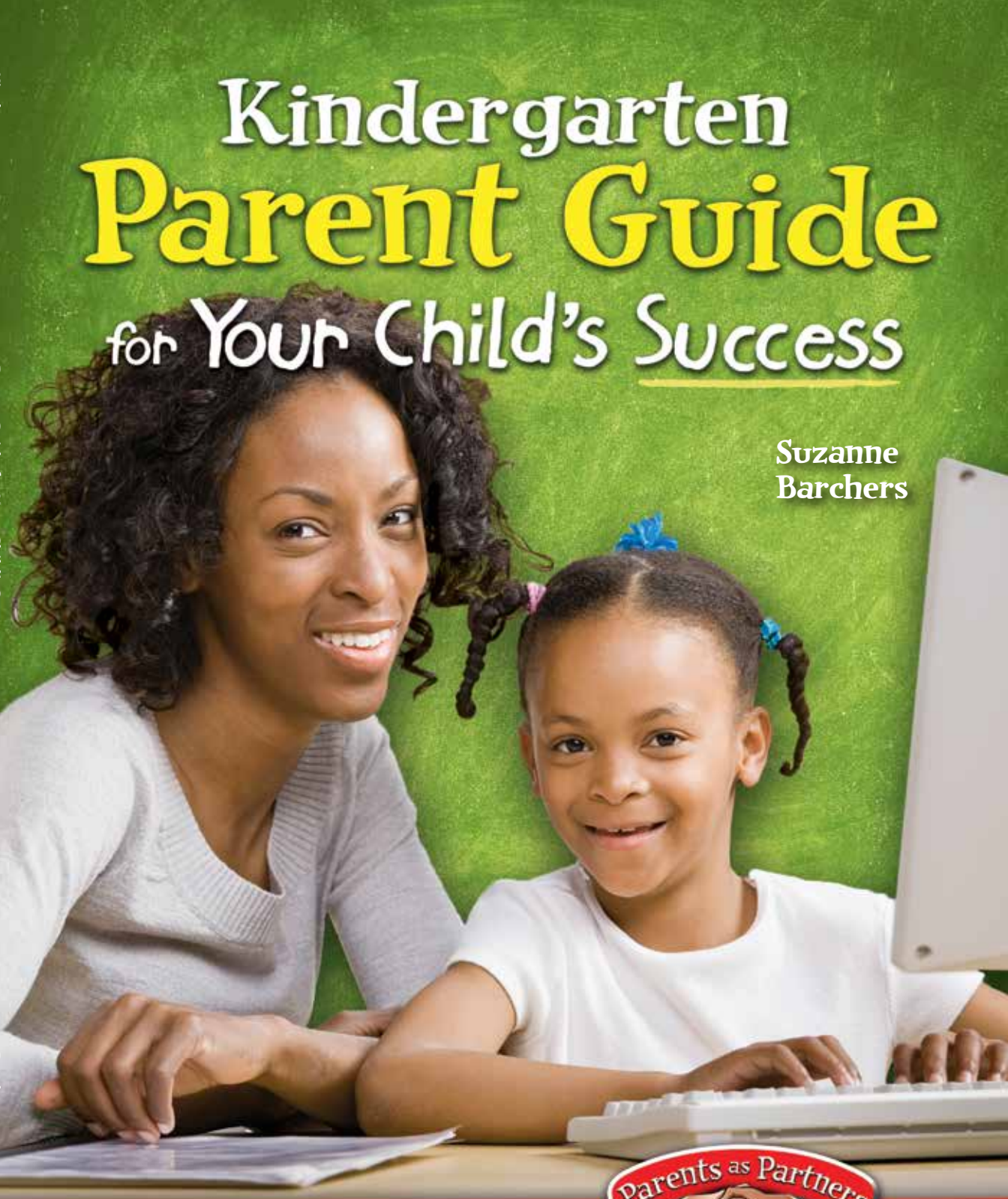

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Dear Family,

What a great milestone—you have a kindergartner! You may have heard of the book titled *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum. Although there is more to learning than knowing how to share, play fair, and clean up, there is a lot of truth in the notion that this year sets the stage for formal learning. And, the work and learning habits that you help your child establish this year will pay off for the next dozen or more years.

If your child went to day care or preschool, he or she is used to a formal learning setting. If not, there may be a bit of an adjustment period. You'll want to keep in close touch with the teacher so the year goes smoothly. You've been your child's primary teacher for five or so years, and that won't change. This parent guide will give you a variety of parent-tested ideas for having a successful year, beginning with getting organized at home so that your child is ready for the "work" of learning.

One last thought...

Robert Fulghum includes a lesson about how to live a balanced life. That's good advice for parents, too!

Getting Off to a Great Start

Having a child head off to school may give you some more free time, but those hours fly by. Fortunately, you have a kindergartner who is quite capable of helping each day begin and end smoothly.