Top 10 Targets: Academic Skills to Practice Before Entering Kindergarten

1. Name writing (using uppercase and lowercase letters in your child’s first name)
2. Uppercase & lowercase letter identification
3. Number identification 0-10
4. Letter & number writing
5. Identification of 6 shapes (triangle, square, circle, oval, rectangle, hexagon)
6. Fine motor skills (cutting/tracing/zipping/buttonning)
7. Rhyming (identifying & producing rhyming words)
8. Sight word identification (the, to, and, a, I, you)
9. Basic concepts of print
   * Identifying the front and back cover of a book
   * Understanding directionality (we move from left to right across a page when reading or being read to)
10. Retelling the beginning, middle, and end of a short story that has been read to them