

Three FREE Kindergarten Readiness Apps/Text Programs Parents of Young Children May Consider



Idaho State Department of Education has partnered with Achieve 3000 to provide all 4-5 year olds in Idaho with a free subscription to *Smarty Ants* until they start Kindergarten. *Smarty Ants* is a research-based literacy program for young learners. *Smarty Ants* provides a fun online environment that will keep children engaged and learning. This program works with smart phones/tablets and is available in English and Spanish. Check it out:

Call 877-235-2525 and use code: SmartyIDAHO or visit www.achieve3000.com/SmartyIDAHO



Ready4K is a free text messaging program for parents of preschoolers designed to help them prepare their children for kindergarten. The program, offered in English, Spanish, and Chinese, consists of short text messages sent to parents' cell phones three times per week over the course of a full school year, or about eight months. "Data shows that *Ready4K!* preschoolers end the year with 2-3 month learning advantage in important areas of early literacy." Check it out: <https://ready4k.parentpowered.com/>



Vroom App or *Vroom by Text* (free) offers brain-building tips for parents and caregivers to use with kids ages 0-5. *Vroom by Text* is available in English and Spanish. *Vroom App* includes printable activity cards to help improve literacy, math and science skills. "*Vroom* research suggests that using *Vroom Tips*: increases parents' understanding of their child's development; helps parents gain confidence in their parenting skills; and increases the frequency and quality of interactions between adults and children." Check it out: <https://www.vroom.org/>