



Readiness Skills That Your Child Should Have or Be Developing Upon Entering Kindergarten

Upon Entering Kindergarten your child should be able to:

- Say the Alphabet and identify most letters.
- Say the days of the week.
- Know their first, middle and last name and be able to print their first name.
- Know basic colors and generally choose appropriate colors when coloring a picture.
- Sit and listen to a story to completion.
- Count to 20.
- Know their phone number and possibly their address.
- Be familiar with basic shapes and sort them into groups.
- Express feelings with words and have strategies to help cope with emotions appropriately.
- Know and demonstrate appropriate behavior with other students, for example, speaking with manners, sharing, keeping hands to self and not hitting or touching inappropriately.



- Take turns, respect others' property, and share.
- Spend increasing amounts of time engaged in one activity whether it is sitting and coloring or playing a physical game. Learning to focus and stick with one activity.
- Know general personal hygiene and hand washing.
- Show respect to teachers and other students.
- Complete simple responsibilities and care for own things such as hanging up coats, and putting things away that they have just used.
- Understand and follow rules.
- Remember and carry out directions of two or three consecutive tasks.

Upon Entering Kindergarten your child should be developing:

- A persistent attitude.
- The ability to be able to contribute to group discussions about a story that was just read. Able to share thoughts and answer reflective questions about the book.
- Hand eye coordination: catching and throwing a ball, using scissors and holding a pencil correctly.

The above items are just an outline that is generally followed. All children develop at different rates, and may or may not reach each goal upon entering Kindergarten, but do reach them shortly after. In the 6 months before your child starts Kindergarten, they will develop and grow. The guidelines above will help you in preparing them as they start their academic career.

