

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Every child develops at his or her own pace. However, children who reach school age should demonstrate a basic level of social behavior and academic knowledge. Use the following list as a guide to identify some of these skills as your child prepares to transition to kindergarten!

Social Knowledge and Interactions

- ☐ Knows name and age
- ☐ Cares for self independently (*washes hands, gets dressed, etc.*)
- ☐ Separates from parents comfortably
- ☐ Recognizes and respects authority
- ☐ Demonstrates self-control
- ☐ Interacts and shares with other children
- ☐ Cleans up after play (with guidance)
- ☐ Participates in group activities

Approach to Learning

- ☐ Uses words (rather than actions) to express emotions
- ☐ Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner
- ☐ Makes efforts to complete tasks to the best of his or her ability
- ☐ Seeks appropriate help with problems

Verbal Skills

- ☐ Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues
- ☐ Usually speaks in complete sentences
- ☐ Uses appropriate volume when speaking





Listening Skills and Cognitive Thinking

- ☐ Follows one-step directions
- ☐ Understands comparative terms (*big, little, short, long, etc.*)
- ☐ Classifies objects by physical features such as shape, color, and size

Reading Readiness

- ☐ Retells information from a story or pictures
- ☐ Familiar with uppercase and lowercase letters
- ☐ Familiar with the alphabet

Mathematical Readiness

- ☐ Able to identify visual patterns
- ☐ Counts to 20
- ☐ Can group or sort by attribute (*"Put all the red blocks together."*)



Fine and Gross Motor Skills

- ☐ Stacks small blocks
- ☐ Buttons, zips, and snaps clothing
- ☐ Makes objects from playdough
- ☐ Runs and hops
- ☐ Climbs a playground ladder
- ☐ Throws with direction and bounces a ball
- ☐ Catches ball with arms and body



We recognize that each child develops differently, so this checklist should be considered a guideline for readiness, rather than a hard-and-fast expectation.

If you think your child may be ready for a Kindergarten program that emphasizes delight and builds skills for success, please schedule a tour today!