

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist



What Does My Child Need to Know for Kindergarten?

Here is an overview of skills your child should practice before entering school in the fall.

Listening/Speaking

- ☐ Listen to stories without interrupting
- ☐ Recognize rhyming sounds
- ☐ Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
- ☐ Follow 2-step directions
- ☐ Speak in complete sentences
- ☐ Make comparisons between objects such as big/little

Math

- ☐ Count to ten
- ☐ Identify numbers 1–5
- ☐ Correspondence counting (one-to-one counting)
- ☐ Sort similar objects by color, size, and shape
- ☐ Identify basic shapes and colors
- ☐ Understand more than and less than

Social/Emotional

- ☐ Understand actions have both causes and effects
- ☐ Start to follow rules and share
- ☐ Separate from parents without being upset
- ☐ Speak understandably
- ☐ Manage bathroom needs independently

Phonological Awareness and Print Knowledge

- ☐ Recite the alphabet and identify most of the letters
- ☐ Identify rhyming words
- ☐ Identify the beginning sound of some words
- ☐ Write name
- ☐ Retell a story

Motor Skills

- ☐ Cut with scissors
- ☐ Hold pencil correctly
- ☐ Trace basic shapes
- ☐ Hop, jump, run, bounce a ball



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