



Readiness Skills for Kindergarten

The following skills expectations for incoming kindergarteners should be considered as minimum expectations. It is recommended that all students continue to reinforce academic skills during the summer before entering kindergarten, especially in the areas of reading, basic math facts, and writing skills.

Reading

- Identify most upper/lower case letters and sounds
- Know first and last name
- Follow simple oral directions
- Produces sound(s) for most letters
- Listen to a story without interrupting
- Identify and provide rhyming words

Writing

- Grip a pencil, crayon, or marker correctly (with the thumb and forefinger holding the tip)
- Be able to write first name with first letter capital and others lowercase
- Be familiar with manuscript writing letters both capital and lower case
- Use scissors, glue, paint and other art materials with relative ease
- Is developing eye-hand coordination and finger dexterity

Math

- Identify 8 basic colors
- Identify 6 basic shapes
- Count to 30
- Recognize numbers 0-20
- Classify objects according to their size, shape, and quantity
- Order numbers from 0-10
- Compare numbers using informal vocabulary (more than, less than and equal)
- Recognize and extend simple patterns

Classroom Behavior

- Prefers cooperative play more than solitary play
- Displays minimal separation anxiety
- Communicates needs in complete sentences and questions
- Listens attentively and follows oral directions with minimal distractions
- Demonstrates increased attention span, memory and concentration
- Identifies with others (empathy, sharing, etc.)
- Displays self-confidence
- Dresses self independently
- Ability to communicate needs to adults
- Clean up after themselves
- Uses restroom independently
- Separates from parents easily
- Attend to 15-20 minutes of homework daily