

What can I do to help prepare my child for kindergarten?

Parents will often ask how they can work with their incoming kindergartener at home. We appreciate this partnership and would like to share the following readiness skills. This list is meant to serve as a guide for families and is not a requirement for entry into kindergarten.

Reading Readiness:

- ❑ Writes first name (make sure your child uses a capital at the beginning and lowercase for the remainder of the name)
- ❑ Recognizes first name
- ❑ Able to spell first name
- ❑ Following directions: immediate directions and over a period of time (two and three step directions)
- ❑ Developing listening comprehension: understanding and remembering what is heard
- ❑ Developing oral language: being able to express ideas and increase vocabulary
- ❑ Distinguishing letter forms: recognize familiar letters (letters in his/her name) also recognize the difference between letters and numbers
- ❑ Letter sounds: exposure to letter sounds
- ❑ Memorization: reciting the alphabet in order from memory
- ❑ Fine motor coordination: practice printing, coloring, cutting, and drawing
 - Holds pencil and crayons correctly
 - Holds scissors correctly
- ❑ Writing skills: use a variety of writing tools (pencil, crayons, markers and chalk)
- ❑ Concepts of print: knows where to find the front of a book, can hold book correctly, where to start reading, etc.

Math Readiness:

- ❑ Number recognition: recognize numbers 0-10
- ❑ Counting: understand one to one correspondence (pointing to an object as you count)
- ❑ Shapes: recognize basic shapes
- ❑ Counting: can count to 10 or higher

Personal & Social Development:

- ❑ Relating to social groups: self, friends, family
- ❑ Understand limits: rules
- ❑ Developing values: responsibility
- ❑ Shares with others

