

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

As your child PREPARES for Kindergarten they should be able to...

Personal and Social Development

- Take turns and share
- Follow rules and routines
- Manage transitions (from activity to activity)
- Clean up after play and projects
- Participate in group activities ~ pay attention for short periods of time
- Demonstrate self control with emotions/feelings
- Independently button, zip and tie all articles of clothing
- Manage bathroom needs independently
- Separate from parents without being upset
- Try new activities

Writing and Fine Motor Development

- Print first name (encourage one capital letter) without a model
- Use pictures to communicate thoughts and ideas
- Use scribbles, shapes, letter-like symbols to write words
- Use crayons, markers, pencils, glue and scissors appropriately
- Demonstrate correct pencil and scissor grasp
- Draw basic shapes
- Trace basic shapes
- Cut basic shapes

Ideas to strengthen fine motor

(play dough, beading, clothespins, puzzles, and sorting small objects)

Literacy and Language

- READ EVERY DAY!
- Listen with interest to stories read aloud
- Listen to stories without interruptions
- Look at pictures and use imagination to tell stories
- Discuss characters and setting in a story
- Identify and create rhyming words
- Match and identify some uppercase letters (18)
- Match and identify some lowercase letters (15)
- Recognize and identify beginning sounds of words
- Know the letters of their name
- Speak understandably in complete sentences
- Understand and follows simple 1 and 2 step directions

Mathematics

- Recognize basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval)
- Sort by color, shape and size
- Recognize and create simple patterns
- Count to 20 out loud
- Match and identify numbers 0-10
- One-to-one count (touch and count objects)
- Recognize groups of one, two, three, four and five objects
- Demonstrate an understanding of key math terms (up/down, top/bottom, short/long, few/many, small/large)

Be sensitive to the feelings your child will be experiencing as they prepare for the adventure and discovery of school. Your supportive and positive attitude will set the tone for success.