

What Your Student Should Practice Before Entering Kindergarten

1. Be able to state first and last name when asked
2. Be able to write first name with first letter uppercase and remaining letters lowercase
3. Use appropriate three-finger grasp when using writing instruments (pencils, crayons and scissors)
4. Count to at least thirty and tells what number comes before or after a given number to 20
5. Know all the letters in their first name
6. Identify basic geometric shapes (triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, rhombus (diamond) and heart)
7. Know basic colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink)
8. Identify numerals 1-10 in random order
9. Make most letter/sound matches
10. Identify most upper and lowercase letters
11. Use finger to accurately touch count items to ten
12. Knows concepts of print (front and back of book, which page comes first, track words left to right)
13. Be able to rhyme words
14. Retells simple stories in sequence
15. When given a word ("man") and a new beginning sound (/f/), creates the familiar word ("fan")

Socially, your child should be able to...

1. Adjust own clothing before and after using restroom
2. Use restroom independently including washing hands without reminder
3. Take off and put on outer clothing
4. Sit for a story for 5-10 minutes
5. Clean up after themselves
6. Shares materials and toys with other children
7. Attend kindergarten with a positive attitude
8. Be confident and ready to separate from parent
9. Be able to listen and follow 2-3 step directions
10. Be able to solve problems without aggression