

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Skills Checklist

Below is a checklist of typical skill sets that will help prepare your child for kindergarten. As you work with your child, take a moment to check off the skills your child already knows as well as identify areas in which you can help prepare your son or daughter for kindergarten. Place a checkmark in the blank as you child masters each particular skill. Kindergarten is an exciting time for students and this will help make their year a successful and exciting one.

Language Development:

1. Recognizes rhyming words _____
2. Speaks in complete sentences _____
3. Communicates needs clearly _____
4. Asks meaningful questions _____
5. Contributes appropriately to discussions _____
6. Able to tell story from pictures _____
7. Relates experience in sequence _____
8. Developmentally appropriate articulation and vocabulary _____

Developmental Reading Skills

1. Recognizes own name (first and last) _____
2. Listens attentively to books being read _____
3. Recognizes upper and lower case letters A-Z _____
4. Recites alphabet _____
5. Prints upper case letters (lower case depending on age and dev.) _____
6. Recognizes beginning letter sounds _____
7. Knows days of the week _____
8. Understands spatial direction (over, under, left, right) _____
9. Knows own age, address, and birthday _____

Math Skills

1. Recognizes numerals 1-10 _____
2. Prints numerals 1-10 _____
3. Rote count to 10 (20 by end of year) _____
4. Places numerals in proper sequence 1-10 _____
5. Understands one to one correspondence _____
6. Recognizes shapes _____
7. Makes comparisons (size, length) _____
8. Understands concepts such as more than and less than _____
9. Understands concept of estimating _____
10. Able to do simple addition (Pre-k late in the year) _____

Fine Motor Skills

1. Holds pencil correctly _____

2. Holds scissors correctly _____
3. Cuts on line _____
4. Forms shapes correctly _____
5. Can trace a pattern _____

Gross Motor Skills

1. Hops on one foot _____
2. Skips and jumps _____
3. Has developed a sense of balance and coordination _____
4. Can kick a ball _____
5. Can throw a ball _____

Visual Motor Skill

1. Draws recognizable figures (heads, arms, legs, trunk) _____
2. Able to do simple puzzles (10-12 pieces) _____
3. Colors inside large spaces _____

Social/Emotional Development

1. Makes own decisions _____
2. Accepts responsibility for own behavior _____
3. Able to play cooperatively (share and take turns) _____
4. Respect property of others _____
5. Respect feelings of others _____
6. Interacts comfortably with adults _____
7. Interacts comfortably with children of similar age _____
8. Able to separate easily from parents _____
9. Can listen without interrupting _____
10. Expresses feelings appropriately _____

Self Help Skill and Work Habits

1. Independently practices bathroom hygiene skills _____
2. Able to dress independently _____
3. Completes tasks in good amount of time and independently _____
4. Follows directions _____
5. Responsible about taking care of materials and cleaning up _____