

Kindergarten Readiness List

General Knowledge/Self Knowledge

- Knows and identifies familiar people by name
- Recognizes primary colors
- Understands words for when things happen (now, later)
- Knows own full name
- Knows own age and gender
- Knows parents' and siblings' names
- Knows home address and telephone number

Reading and Writing and Readiness Skills

- Recalls basic facts about stories
- Tells what is happening in pictures
- Knows what an alphabet letter is
- Understands that words are written using letters
- Recognizes own first name in print
- Learning to print own first name
- Scribbles and draws
- Identifies most letters/sounds

Speaking and Listening Skills

- Communicates needs, feelings, and thoughts verbally
- Speaks clearly enough for nonfamily members to understand
- Answers easy questions
- Follows simple (two- or three-step) directions
- Listens to a story being told or read
- Retells little stories
- Recognizes rhyming sounds

Math and Science Readiness Skills

- Counts aloud to ten
- Counts a few objects (5-10)
- Matches like objects by color, shape, or size
- Recognizes basic shapes (e.g. circles, squares, triangles)
- Has general understanding of time (e.g. day, night, yesterday, today, and tomorrow)

Fine Motor Skills

- Glues things on paper
- Opens and closes buttons, snaps, and zippers
- Stacks and builds with blocks
- Puts together easy puzzles
- Draws with a pencil, colors with a crayon, paints with a brush
- Copies a simple shape or letter
- Cuts with blunt scissors

Character Formation

- Respects adult authority
- Follows rules
- Learning to control temper
- Learning to be patient
- Learning to work independently and do some tasks for self

Social Skills

- Leaves home and parents for a few hours without being upset
- Learning to work with others on a task
- Learning to take part in group activities
- Learning to share
- Learning to take turns
- Learning to sit quietly and pay attention

Self-Reliance Skills

- Handles toilet needs without help
- Washes hands and face
- Dresses and undresses self
- Handles spoon and fork satisfactorily
- Learning to pick up after self