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Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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Introduction

No list of kindergarten readiness skills can ensure that a child will be ready to begin school or should be used as a sole source for making decisions about kindergarten entry, but we intend this list to be a good start. **Not every skill must be acquired before entering kindergarten, and your child's teacher will work hard to meet any needs your child may**



have. This list is a guide to help reassure parents and give valuable insight about kindergarten readiness to support parents' intuition and experiences with their own children. If you have specific questions about your child's readiness, you may want to talk with your child's preschool teacher, child care provider and/or pediatrician who may have valuable input. Additionally, you and your child will have an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teacher(s) in your building in the spring and to participate in a "kindergarten interview" in the beginning of the school year to discuss questions and review specific skills.

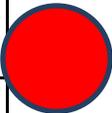
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A kindergarten student...

	Listens attentively to stories
	Pays attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
	Cuts straight and curved lines with scissors
	Traces basic shapes
	Shares with others
	Follows rules
	Shows respect to adults and peers
	Plays cooperatively with other children
	Manages self-care needs: bathroom, dressing, backpack, etc.
	Shows self-control by staying within own personal space
	Separates from parents without being upset
	Speaks understandably in sentences



	Identifies colors
	Recognizes and writes own name
	Follows 2-3 step directions
	Looks at pictures and then tells a story about them
	Recognizes rhyming sounds
	Identifies the beginning sounds of some words
	Identifies some letters of the alphabet (upper and lower case)
	Sorts objects by color, shape, and size
	Recognizes groups of one to five objects
	Counts to ten and identifies some numbers
	Demonstrates large motor skills such as hopping, catching a ball and using alternating feet to walk up and down stairs
	Is able to use a computer mouse



Adapted from Kindergarten Readiness Checklist - Family Education.com

