

is my child ready for kindergarten?



Few children will exhibit all of the traits below, but children who tend to be successful in kindergarten demonstrate many of them.

Pre-Reading Skills

- Identify & pronounce at least 15 letter sounds
- Understand reading top to bottom, left to right
- Tell a story by looking at a picture
- Answer questions about a short story

Pre-Writing Skills

- Identify & write name
- Identify & write all upper-case letters of the alphabet

Oral Communication Skills

- Listen attentively without interruption
- Follow simple two- & three-step directions
- Ask questions for information
- Make meaningful contributions to the group
- Express ideas clearly & freely

Math Skills

- Know basic 2-D shapes (rectangle, square, circle, triangle, trapezoid)
- Understand concept of more & less
- Sort objects by three characteristics
- Identify & extend a simple pattern
- Count to 50
- Count back from 10
- Recognize numbers 0-20
- Write numbers 0-10

21st Century Skills

- Solve problems & come up with multiple solutions
- Demonstrate a sense of curiosity for learning
- Show creativity through art projects, storytelling, artistic movement, music & dramatic play
- Work collaboratively with other students
- Basic operation of an iPad
- Basic operation of a computer mouse

Physical Development

- Hold & use a pencil with a three-point grasp
- Follow & cut a straight line with scissors
- Understand body awareness & spatial awareness

Social/Emotional Skills

- Share with others
- Take turns
- Follow rules & directions
- Put forth effort with completing classroom tasks
- Engage & focus on an activity for at least 15 min.
- Express feelings comfortably with peers & adults
- Recognize & respect the feelings of others
- Manage conflict appropriately
- Assume responsibility for self & belongings
- Show self-confidence
- Adjust to change & routines

