

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

A child that is ready to start Kindergarten should be able to do the things listed below relatively consistently, not just once in a while. You can use this checklist as a guideline in helping determine whether to enroll your child in Kindergarten.

INDEPENDENCE/RESPONSIBILITY

- Dresses self completely
- Puts shoes on correct feet
- Puts on coat, sweater
- Buttons, zips clothing (front)
- Washes and dries hands
- Takes care of all toilet needs
- Feeds self entirely
- Gets own drink
- Separates easily from parents/home
- Willing to try new things: food, games
- Works/plays alone for 15-20 minutes
- Puts toys back where they belong
- Responsible for one household chore

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/MOTIVATION

- Knows full name/age
- Name colors
- Names parts of the body: chin, elbow

LISTENING/LANGUAGE

- Listens to a story (15-20 minutes)
- Pretends to read
- Listens carefully to instructions /directions
- Remembers and follows directions of 2 or more steps

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Shares Toys
- Takes turns
- Gets along with other children
- Plays cooperatively

READINESS: LETTERS/NUMBERS

- Tries to write or copy letters/numerals
- Recognizes some numerals
- Counts from 1 to 10 in the correct order
- Writes name
- Knows some letters in their name

MOTOR DEVELOPMENT (LARGE MUSCLES)

- Runs with confidence
- Jumps with both feet off the ground
- Hops on one foot

MOTOR DEVELOPMENT (SMALL MUSCLES)

- Uses crayons for coloring
- Tries to color within the lines
- Uses scissors for cutting
- Cuts out simple shapes
- Draws with a pencil
- Draws a person: head, body, legs, arms