

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

We recognize each child is different; the following is a list of things that we would like your child to be working on prior to entering Kindergarten.

Reading Readiness:

- Remembers pictures from a printed page
- Pretends to read (has been read to often)
- Identifies own first name in writing
- Understand words are read left to right
- Knows the letters of the alphabet (capital)
- Prints first name correctly (first letter capital, lowercase)

Motor Skills

- Run
- Walk a straight line
- Jump
- Hop
- Alternate feet walking down stairs
- March
- Stand on one foot for 10 seconds
- Walk backwards for 5 feet
- Throw a ball
- Paste pictures on paper
- Clap hands
- Button & Zip clothes
- Build with blocks
- Complete simple puzzles
- Draw and color beyond a simple scribble
- Tie shoes
- Control pencil and crayon well
- Handle scissors – correctly hold and cut
- Cut and draw simple shapes

Social-Emotional:

- Expresses self verbally
- Shares with others
- Cares of own belongings
- Maintains self-control
- Gets along with others
- Can take care of toilet needs independently
- With your child, select at least one task for which the child can easily assume responsibility, i.e., making the bed, putting the napkins or silverware on the table, and putting away toys, books, & clothing.

Child Knows:

- Body parts
- Own first and last name
- Parent's name

Recognizes Colors, Numbers, and Shapes:

- Recognizes colors
- Counts to 20
- Can count objects with one to one correspondence to 10
- Recognizes triangle, circle, rectangle, and square

Listening and Speaking:

Can your child...?

- Sit in a chair for 10-15 minutes
- Listens without interrupting
- Focus eyes on someone speaking (a parent, a sibling, a friend)
- Speaks respectfully to others (adult and peers)
- Maintains focus while listening to a story being read aloud (not a television show - a real person)
- Answers or responds when spoken to (ex: saying "Good morning," answering questions - What is your name?, etc.)

Help Prepare Your Child:

- Read to your child regularly. As you read, talk about the words and pictures that you see in the story. Reading to your child will increase their vocabulary and will strengthen their pre-reading skills.
- Count with your child frequently.
- Help your child be able to recognize their name in print.
- Help your child learn the letters of the alphabet.
- Familiarize them with both capital and lower case letters.
- Allow your child to use pencils and crayons to build fine motor skills.
- Help your child learn the names of basic colors and shapes.
- Use scissors to cut straight and curved lines
- Draw a picture with details (ex: a person with face, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, body, arms, legs, feet, toes, clothing, etc.)