

Kindergarten readiness checklist

Social & Emotional Skills:

- Can play in small groups or pairs
- Takes turns with others
- Shares items with others
- Recognizes feelings & emotions
- Makes eye contact
- Understands that others think & feel differently than themselves
- Problem solves & compromises with others
- Can handle a noisy environment
- Tries new things
- Has a positive attitude about things
- Is okay with making mistakes

Communication Skills:

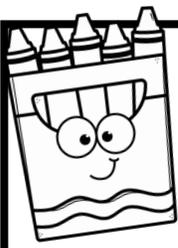
- Asks for help when needed
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Participates in conversations
- Is able to articulate feelings & needs
- Can say their full name
- Uses manners (i.e. says please & thank you)
- Uses appropriate language
- Can speak at an appropriate volume
- Is able to speak to people they don't know

Listening & Attention Skills:

- Follows 2 step directions
- Listens without blurting out
- Can wait patiently for several minutes without toys/games
- Stands in a line patiently
- Sits and listens to a story
- Keeps attention on one activity for at least 15 minutes
- Completes an entire activity before moving on
- Listens to others when speaking
- Waits their turn to speak
- Stays on topic when speaking

Independence Skills:

- Takes care of all bathroom needs
- Washes hands independently
- Blows own nose
- Cleans up after themselves
- Wipes own face clean after eating
- Opens packaging & containers
- Can dress & undress independently (including coats)
- Takes responsibility for belongings (i.e. backpack, coat, lunchbox, etc.)
- Is able to separate from parents
- Uses basic school supplies (pencils, glue, crayons, scissors)



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Reading Skills:

- Holds a book correctly & flips through pages front to back
- Tells a story using the pictures
- Retells a familiar story
- Handles a book gently
- Names some letters of the alphabets (especially the ones in their own name)
- Knows that letters make sounds
- Knows the difference between a letter & a number
- Sings nursery rhymes
- Repeats sentences
- Says the first sound in a word
- Knows if 2 words rhyme or not

Writing/Fine Motor Skills:

- Correctly holds writing utensils & other school supplies
- Puts together a puzzle
- Plays with play dough
- Uses items such as tweezers & clothespins
- Colors inside the lines
- Folds paper
- Cuts simple lines with scissors
- Traces lines, letters, & numbers
- Can copy letters & numbers
- Writes first name (with only first letter capitalized)
- Draws a picture and tells about it

Math Skills:

- Identifies colors
- Identifies basic shapes
- Sorts objects by color/shape/size
- Recognizes and makes patterns
- Identifies objects as same/different
- Orders things big to small
- Understands positional words (above, next to, beside, below)
- Counts to 20
- Names numbers 0-10
- Counts objects out loud with 1-to-1 correspondence
- Matches a number to objects
- Understands more/less/the same

Physical Skills:

- Can walk on uneven surfaces
- Can run
- Can balance
- Can hop on 1 foot
- Can climb stairs
- Participates in outdoor sports and games
- Is okay with playing outside
- Sits in a chair correctly
- Can walk from one point to another safely
- Can control and keep their body calm and safe