



Getting Ready *for* Kindergarten



Having your child ready for kindergarten will play a big role in his or her success! Below is a list of skills that you and your child can begin to work on. Although some students may have acquired many of these skills prior to entering kindergarten, these are some of the things we will be working on when school begins.

Language Arts:

- Identify at least 14 capital and lowercase letters
- Write first name
- Write at least 10 capital and lowercase letters
- Identify first name (on cubbies, folders, etc.)
- Identify words that rhyme
- Recognize colors

Math:

- Counts to 10
- Write numbers 0-5
- Identify numbers 0-10
- Count sets/groups up to 5
- Identify simple shapes (square, triangle, circle, rectangle)

Social Skills:

- Able to play well with others (sharing)
- Responds to an adult when his or her name is said
- Following 2 to 3 step directions
- Concentrates on tasks until complete
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Waits for his/her turn
- Able to ask for help when needed

Other Skills:

- Holds a pencil correctly with a three finger grasp
- Able to trace letters and lines independently (start practice tracing letter/number pages with your child)
- Holds scissors correctly and cuts independently
- Packs and unpacks backpack independently
- Uses the restroom independently
- Puts on a coat independently (start practicing on zipping)