

# Kindergarten



## Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Listed below are important skills to work on to help your child have a successful transition into Kindergarten. These skills do not need to be mastered but should be familiar.

- Feels comfortable separating from parent or caregiver
- Recognizes and prints first name
- States full name – first and last
- Knows address, phone number, and birthday
- Shows independence with self-help skills – snap, button, zipper, put on coat
- Uses pencils, markers and scissors -- attempts to cut on a straight line and curved line
- Participates in physical activity – run, throw, jump, and play
- Identifies 9 colors
- Recognizes 4 basic shapes – square, triangle, circle & rectangle
- Begins to recognize and write numbers 1-10
- Begins to recognize letters of alphabet and sing ABC song
- Sits and listens to a book read aloud
- Listens to nursery rhymes and becomes familiar with rhyming
- Tells how common objects are used
- Understands simple concepts such as big/small, up/down, and above/below
- Names items in various categories – clothing, animals, foods, toys, or body parts
- Expresses self clearly when speaking
- Communicates basic needs
- Responds to authority
- Follows simple rules
- Gets along with others
- Respects the property rights of others
- Copes with minor disappointment and changes
- Follows directions and completes a task independently
- Waits to take a turn
- Maintains attention to tasks for 10-15 minutes at a time (not TV or video games)