

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist



This is not an exhaustive list, but will give you a good idea if your child is ready to move on to kindergarten!

Literacy

- Knows that letters have specific sounds
- Can identify some upper and lowercase letters
- Can identify the letters in their name
- Can identify rhyming words
- Can identify the beginning sounds in words
- Can listen and respond to a story
- Uses beginning writing to express their ideas (can be scribbles or letter approximations)

Math

- Can count to at least 10, but 20 or 30 is better!
- Can sort by different attributes
- Knows their colors
- Can identify and draw shapes
- Can count with one to one correspondence

Self-Help

- Can eat independently, including using a cup
- Can use the bathroom independently
- Can wash their hands independently
- Can ask questions if they need help
- Can clean up a mess they make
- Can put on and fasten clothes, including coats and shoes

Large Motor

- Can walk, run, hop and jump
- Can throw and kick a ball
- Can balance on one foot for a few seconds
- Can cross their body midline

Fine Motor

- Can write his or her own name
- Can hold pencil with correct tripod grip
- Can hold and use scissors
- Can hold and use glue stick
- Can turn individual pages in a book

Social and Emotional

- Can share and take turns
- Can play cooperatively with other children
- Can show empathy and concern when someone is hurt
- Can label and appropriately express their emotions
- Can label and appropriately respond to the emotions of others
- Can tell an adult their first and last name
- Can tell an adult their parents first and last names