

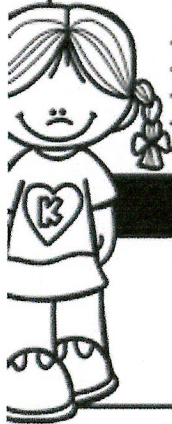
ReadinessSkills

IS IT TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN?

How can I tell if my child is ready for kindergarten?

Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for families. There are many factors to consider when deciding if your child is ready for kindergarten. These factors may include maturity, motor skills, attention span, and age. Kindergarten expectations have changed a lot over the years and a key factor to your child's success is his or her readiness for school. By the end of kindergarten, students will be reading, writing sentences and computing addition and subtraction. If your child meets the age criteria, you may also want to consider the kindergarten readiness skills below:

Self-Help Skills	Fine Motor Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the bathroom independently• Zip coat• Take shoes on and off• Button/snap pant fasteners• Recognize his/her first and last name (not a nickname)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a pencil• Write first name• Use scissors to cut basic shapes• Trace lines and shapes• Color or draw a picture
Social Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 3-step directions• Sit and listen to someone read a story for 5-10 minutes• Responsible for belongings• Put things back where they go• Turn things in independently• Play a game and accept losing• Take turns while playing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play a game and accept losing• Complete short tasks without an adult's help.• Control emotions without tantrums.
Academic Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0 - 10• Sing and say ABCs• Identify letter names (out of order)• Follow direction from adults	



In addition to the habits listed, these are **highly** encouraged:

- Proper Bathroom Habits
- Dressing Themselves
- Buckling Seatbelt
- Following 2-3 Step Directions
- Can Blow Their Nose
- Get In & Out of Car Independently