

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Most of the time, a child who meets most of these criteria is likely to be ready for school.

Academic Skills

- Knows name, age, address, and phone number
- Writes name
- Identifies the letters in his/her name
- Identifies colors
- Identifies shapes; is able to copy shapes from a picture
- Draws a person (the more body parts the better)
- Recognizes the numerals 1 to 10
- Counts objects in a group under 10



Physical/Motor Skills

- Ties shoes
- Colors mostly within the lines
- Uses scissors with some skill
- Touches each finger to the thumb
- Hops on one foot more than three times in a row
- Catches a large bouncing ball
- Puts on a jacket, at least attempting to button and zip it
- Uses a fork and spoon



Social/Emotional Skills

- Interacts well with other children
- Follows directions
- Puts toys away
- Speaks up and communicates needs
- Is patient and respectful
- Stays with one activity for 15-20 minutes
- Uses bathroom independently
- Uses a tissue when coughing or sneezing

