

## Kindergarten Readiness

**These are some recommended skills useful for your child entering kindergarten:**

- Is learning to follow directions
- Sits and listens to a complete short story
- Prints first name
- Attends to proper personal hygiene: blows nose, toileting, hand washing and drying
- Recognizes some letters (upper and lower case) and numbers
- Attends to personal needs, buttons, zips, can put on and take off shoes and is learning to tie shoes.
- Counts to 10
- Identifies shapes
- Names colors (10 basic)
- Rhymes words
- Recites some nursery rhymes and songs
- Is learning to work well with other children
- Shows willingness to try new things
- Expresses feelings and emotions with words
- Can add a new idea to a conversation

**Parents can help their child get ready for kindergarten if they:**

- Give lots of opportunities to use pencils, crayons, scissors and playdough (not directed activities-just experience)
- Help their child count and sort objects
- READ to their child daily
- Provide playtime with other children of the same age
- Talk to their child; listen to their child
- Limit the amount of time your child spends in front of the T.V. or computer.  
It can be harmful to eye, brain, large and small muscle development, as well as social/emotional development.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any kindergarten teacher or school principal. We are ready and willing to help you and your child have a pleasant and successful learning experience.

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