

Is My Child Ready for
KINDERGARTEN???
Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Language/Literacy Skills:

- Can recognize, write, point to, and identify letters in first name
- Can speak complete sentences
- Can handle books properly (right side up, beginning/end)
- Can identify environmental print or familiar signs in the child's environment
- Can identify that letters make sounds
- Can retell a simple story or poem/finger play after listening to a story
- Can identify two words that rhyme
- Recognizes some alphabet letter names
- Uses symbols or drawings to express ideas other than scribbling

Mathematics:

- Can count to 10
- Can do one-to-one correspondence
- Can recognize simple patterns
- Arranges numbers in order 1-5
- Identifies shapes
- Identifies basic colors

Attitudes Toward Learning/Interests:

- Does your child look at books, magazines, and newspapers at home?
- Does your child ask when she/he will be able to go to school?
- Does your child pretend to read?
- Does your child listen to you read stories?

Please remember that all children develop at different times. Kindergarten is a very structured setting and your child needs to be ready. The best thing you can do for your child is to give them the gift of time if they're not socially and emotionally ready! This checklist is an indicator, not a sure thing. Keep in mind the best interest of your child when reading the checklist.