

Kindergarten Readiness Skill Set

Reading Readiness

- Remembers pictures from a printed page
- Repeats a 6 to 8 word sentence
- Pretends to read (and has been read to frequently)
- Identifies own first name in writing
- Answers questions about a short story
- Looks at pictures and tells story
- Understands that one reads from left to right
- Knows:
 - Letters of the alphabet
 - Knows some nursery rhymes

Basic Concepts

- Size, Position, and Direction
 - Understands:
 - Big and little
 - Long and short
 - Up and down
 - In and out
 - Over and under
 - Empty and full
 - More and less
 - Fast and slow
 - Top and bottom
 - Front and back
 - Hot and cold
 - Day and night
- Color and Shape
 - Recognizes:
 - Primary colors
 - Triangles, circles, squares and rectangles
- Numbers
 - Counts objects up to 30

Motor Skills

- Is able to:
 - Run
 - Jump
 - Alternate feet walking down stairs
 - Stand on one foot 5 to 10 seconds
 - Throw a ball
 - Clap hands
 - Build with block
 - Draw and color beyond simple scribble
 - Control pencil and crayon well
 - Cut and draw simple shapes
 - Brush teeth
 - Carry a plate of food
 - Walk in a straight line
 - Hop
 - March
 - Walk backward for 5 feet
 - Paste pictures on paper
 - Button and zip clothes
 - Complete simple puzzles
 - Handle scissors
 - Talk easily
 - Put toys away
 - Dress self

Information Processing and Sequencing

- Follows simple directions
- Pays attention
- Expresses self verbally
- Can be away from parents for 2 to 3 hours
- Can take care of toilet needs independently
- Joins in family conversation
- Maintains self-control
- Recognizes common sounds
- Retells a simple story in sequence
- Repeats:
 - A sequence of sounds
 - A sequence of orally-given numbers
- Identifies other children by name
- Looks forward to going to school
- Cares for belongings
- Gets along with other children
- Shares with others
- Meets visitors without shyness
- Helps with family chores
- Works independently
- Recognizes authority
- Knows:
 - First name
 - Gender
 - Home address
 - Home phone number
 - Parent's names
 - Body Parts
 - When to use a tissue
 - Age and birthday