



Recommended Skills for Kindergarten Readiness

Children entering kindergarten have an advantage when they begin school if they are able to do some of the following:

Reading and Language Arts



- Recognize and write own first name
(NOTE: Student name should begin with a capital letter and all other letters should be written in lowercase, such as John.)
- Name some letters, especially the letters in his/her name
- Distinguish the difference between numbers and letters
- Recite simple, rhyming poems such as nursery rhymes
- Identify colors (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, black, brown, white, pink, grey)
- Sort and classify pictures and objects by one characteristic (such as: "These are all buttons." and "These are all pictures of horses.")

Math



- Count to ten
- Recognize the written numbers 0 - 10
- Verbally count up to ten objects. First touch then count the object ("One, two, three, etc.")
- Understand concept of left and right
- Identify basic shapes-

Circle



Square



Triangle



Rectangle



Fine Motor



- Hold scissors correctly (Thumb in small hole in handle and first two digits in large hole of the handle)
- Cut a line
- Hold pencils correctly (see diagram)
- Button and zip articles of clothing

Social



- Sit quietly and attend to a single task for five minutes
- Act in a socially responsible way even when an adult is not around to monitor his/her behavior

Self Help Skills



- Totally care for toileting needs including flushing toilet and washing and drying their hands

Parent Involvement



You are welcome and encouraged to volunteer in your child's classroom. Please feel free to offer your time, energy and talents. Making a connection between the school and the home will show your child that you believe that education is important.

Reading to your child helps to provide a rich background of experiences and fosters a positive attitude toward reading. The following are but a few suggestions of the many classic books available for children. Most of these books are available at public libraries, book stores, and some teacher supply stores.