



Kindergarten Readiness Skills

What are “readiness” skills?

These skills will help your child have a successful kindergarten experience, build confidence and independence, and provide the foundation from which learning can grow. A student may demonstrate the readiness skills when he/she:

- ◆ Displays developmentally appropriate self-regulation skills such as: listening/responding, following two-step directions, waiting for short amounts of time, and interacting positively with peers.
- ◆ Is potty trained and able to independently use bathroom skills.
- ◆ Prints his or her first name properly using an upper-case first letter and lower-case remaining letters.
- ◆ Demonstrates familiarity with letter names and sounds.
- ◆ Practices correctly holding a pencil and/or crayon. Provide opportunities to practice fine motor skills through writing, coloring, mazes, and dot to dots.
- ◆ Identifies the eight basic colors: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, black, brown.
- ◆ Sorts a group of items by color, shape or size.
- ◆ Understands basic patterning – ABAB, AABAAB, ABBABB, etc.
- ◆ Is responsible for personal belongings and school supplies.
- ◆ Zips, buttons, and snaps clothing independently.
- ◆ Begins to learn how to tie shoelaces.