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 dot.

♦ 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.