

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Essential Skills for Kindergarten Success *5-Year Olds*

Literacy and Language:

- ☐ I can understand that words are read from left to right and top to bottom.
- ☐ I can recognize some upper and lowercase letters in addition to those in my first name.
- ☐ I can read my own first and last name.
- ☐ I can rhyme.
- ☐ I can speak in complete sentences.

Writing and Fine Motor:

- ☐ I can hold my crayon or pencil with a tripod grasp.
- ☐ I can write my first name (capital letter followed by lowercase).
- ☐ I can draw recognizable pictures (a person with most body parts).
- ☐ I can properly hold and use scissors.

Numeracy and Math:

- ☐ I can count to 20.
- ☐ I can recognize numbers 0-9.
- ☐ I can use 1 to 1 correspondence when counting.
- ☐ I can recognize basic shapes and colors.
- ☐ I can compare quantities, understanding more than, less than and equal to.

Social and Emotional Development:

- ☐ I can share and take turns with peers during play.
- ☐ I can separate from my parents without being upset.
- ☐ I can follow two-step directions.
- ☐ I can sit and listen to a story.
- ☐ I can handle transitions from one activity to another smoothly.
- ☐ I can manage impulses, wait for turns, and handle disappointment.
- ☐ I can ask for help when I need it.

Personal Independence:

- ☐ I can use the bathroom independently (wipe, flush toilet and wash hands).
- ☐ I can dress myself.
- ☐ I can open items in my lunchbox or on my lunch tray.

Personal Information:

- ☐ I can tell you my full name.
- ☐ I can tell you how old I am.
- ☐ I can tell you when my birthday is.
- ☐ I can tell you my mother and father's names.
- ☐ *Bonus: I can tell you my address and telephone number.