

# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

While there is no perfect formula that determines when children are truly ready for kindergarten, you can use this checklist to see how well your child is doing in acquiring the skills found on most kindergarten checklists.

Young children change so quickly-if they can't do something this week, they may be able to do it a few weeks later. Please practice these skills.

- Listen to stories without interrupting
- Pay attention for a short period of time to adult-directed tasks
- Cut with scissors
- Write with a pencil
- Trace basic shapes
- Share with others and take turns
- Follow rules and understand consequences
- Recognize authority and follow directions
- Manage bathroom needs
- Demonstrate self-control
- Separate from parents without being upset
- Use words to communicate needs
- Talk in complete sentences of 5-6 words
- Look at pictures and tell stories
- Write and spell your name
- Sort similar objects by color, size and shape
- Recognize groups of one, two, three, four and five objects
- Count to 10



If your child has acquired most of the skills on this checklist and meets the age requirements, he or she is probably ready for kindergarten. What teachers want to see on the first day of school are children who are healthy, mature, capable, and eager to learn!

