



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Being ready to learn is the single most important criteria to your child's success in school. As parents you can help them realize that they need to listen, pay attention, and remember what they are practicing in school. Coming to school with the skills listed below will help your child experience greater success in kindergarten.

1. Able to dress themselves (snap, zip, tuck in shirt, buckle belt). These are helpful for children going to the bathroom independently.
2. Able to write name, using a capital only at the beginning, along with knowing the letters in their first name.
3. Able to share and take turns.
4. Able to tie their shoes.
5. Able to identify colors and basic shapes.
6. Has had experience using crayons, scissors, and glue. Can cut a straight, wavy, curly line.
7. Able to pay attention for at least 10 minutes to adult-directed tasks.
8. Able to identify some alphabet letters.
9. Able to listen to stories without interrupting.
10. Able to recognize rhyming sounds; identify rhyming words.
11. Able to speak in complete sentences of five or six words.
12. Able to look at pictures and then retell the story.
13. Able to follow two step directions.
14. Has been read to at home.
15. Has had some experience with group situations through pre-school, daycare, etc. Displays respect towards others.
16. Can rote count to 10 and identify numbers at least through 5.

For ideas for great summer activities, try visiting:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom>

<http://www.hubbardscupboard.org>. Go to family involvement

<http://starfall.com>

<http://www.billybear4kids.com>

Have fun this summer! See you in the Fall!

Kindergarten Teachers