

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

The following is a "yes" or "no" checklist for you to use to make the kindergarten year as successful as possible for your child. The more "yes" answers your child has, the more time he/she can spend getting along and learning with his/her class when school starts in the fall. By all means, work with your child and give them the chance to do and practice the things listed below.

GROWTH AND AGE

1. Can strangers easily understand your child's speech?



GENERAL ACTIVITY RELATED TO GROWTH

Can your child:

2. Pay attention to a short story when it is read and answer simple questions about it?
3. Draw and color, beyond a simple scribble?
4. Tie a shoe?
5. Zip or button up a coat?
6. Stand on one foot for 5 to 10 seconds.
7. Write his/her name? Read the letters in his/her name?
8. Use scissors, pencils, or crayons carefully and correctly?
9. Recite his/her address and phone number?
10. Take care of toilet needs by himself/herself?
11. Be away from home for 2-3 hours without being upset?

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

Can your child:

12. Follow directions willingly?
13. Be responsible for his/her belongings? (Keep hands to themselves, handle disappointment appropriately, take turns, etc.)
14. Display self-control?
15. Share and play cooperatively with other children?

REMEMBERING

Can your child:

16. Repeat a series of four numbers without practice, such as "say after me 6-1-7-4"?
17. Repeat 8 to 10 word sentences, such as "The boy ran all the way home from the store."?
18. Remember instructions and carry out 2 or 3 simple errands or tasks in the home after being told once? ("Pick up the book, bring me the pencil, and close the door.")

UNDERSTANDING

Can your child:

19. Tell you the meaning of simple words like bicycle, apple, car, hammer, water, shirt, horse, etc.?
20. Follow direction words - top, bottom, above, under, on, inside, outside, big, little, etc.?
21. Count 10 objects?
22. Supply the last word to all 3 of the following statements?
 - Mother is a woman; Father is a . . .
 - A fire is hot; an ice cube is . . .
 - A plane goes fast; a turtle goes . . .
23. Put together a puzzle of 3 to 6 pieces?
24. Tell what parts are missing if you draw a stick picture of a person and leave out a leg and an arm?
25. Draw or copy a square, circle, triangle, and an X?
26. Correctly name a simple drawing? (Car, dog, cap, chair, etc.)



*Please read to your child daily.

*Please talk with your child daily.

*Take them to places (zoo, restaurants, etc.) and talk about their experiences.

*Turn off the T.V., Play Station II, Xbox, etc.



Tips for Getting Ready for Kindergarten!

Help me get ready by:



- Reading to me daily
- Teaching me to write my name with proper upper and lower case letters like this:



Christopher Doe

- Helping me practice pointing to and saying each letter in my name.
- Helping me practice to tie my own shoes
- Teaching me my address, phone number and birthdate

- Counting objects with me



- Playing turn-taking games with me (Checkers, Candyland, Go-Fish, baseball, etc.)
- Turning off the T.V. and video games and spending time with me
- Listening to me

