

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Based on The Five Domains of Kindergarten Readiness

PHYSICAL AND MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

- Can your child / does your child...
- Grip a pencil, crayon, and marker correctly *
 - Use scissors, glue, and paint *
 - Trace a line or a simple shape
 - Attempt to tie his or her shoes
 - Bounce a ball
 - Kick a ball
 - Walk in a straight line
 - Stand on one foot
 - Throw and catch a medium-sized ball
 - Dress himself or herself (coat, shoes, zippers, buttons)
 - Climb stairs with alternating feet
 - Have a dominant hand and/or foot
 - Ride a tricycle

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Can your child / does your child...
- Share and take turns with others *
 - Play independently for 15 minutes
 - Manage bathroom needs
 - Wash and dry hands
 - Follow one-step and two-step directions
 - Generally follow rules
 - Separate from parents for a few hours without emotional trauma

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Can your child / does your child...
- Sit still and pay attention for a short period of time *
 - Show interest in books and reading
 - Listen to an age-appropriate story without interrupting
 - Work independently for short periods of time
 - Make simple choices
 - Finish a task before starting another
 - Respond to basic requests
 - Ask questions about things around them
 - Understand the difference between real and pretend
 - Speak comfortably with other children and adults

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Can your child / does your child...
- Identify some letters of the alphabet
 - Know some letter sounds
 - Identify the beginning sounds of some words
 - Write his or her first name with uppercase and lowercase letters
 - Speak in complete sentences
 - Speak in a manner adults can understand
 - Recognize common sight words (mom, dad, stop, go)
 - Identify rhyming words
 - Recite full name, address, telephone number, and birthday
 - Recognize his or her printed first name by sight
 - Retell a simple story

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Can your child / does your child...
- Count to 10
 - Write the numbers from 1 to 10
 - Classify objects by size, color and shape
 - Draw a circle, square, and triangle
 - Know basic colors (red, blue, yellow, green...)
 - Understand simple object relationships (over / under, more / less)
 - Identify groups of 2, 3, 4, or 5 objects
 - Recognize and extend a simple patterning sequence (ABABAB)
 - Understand the basic concepts of time (morning, afternoon, night time)
 - Identify missing parts in pictures

* Rated as 'Very Important' or 'Essential' by a significant percentage of kindergarten teachers (based upon the responses of a nationally representative sample of public school and private school kindergarten teachers to a survey on Kindergarten Entry Skills)

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