

Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Skills Checklist

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MY CHILD:

YES NOT YET

Gross Motor

1. Runs, jumps and skips
2. Walks backwards
3. Walks up and down stairs

Fine Motor

1. Puts a 10 to 12 piece puzzle together
2. Holds scissors correctly
3. Holds a crayon or marker correctly

Social Skills

1. Uses words instead of being physical when angry
2. Speaks clearly where an adult can understand him
3. Plays with other children and can make choices
4. Follows simple directions
5. Expresses feelings and needs
6. Goes to the bathroom by himself
7. Waits her turn and shares
8. Talks in sentences
9. Asks questions about things around him
10. Enjoys having books read to her
11. Can tell a story about a past event
12. Says *please* and *thank you*
13. Can spend extended time away from mom and dad

Academic Skills

1. Recognizes shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)
2. Can sort items by color, shape and size
3. Can identify six parts of his body
4. Understands concept words such as up, down, in, out, behind, over
5. Counts from 1 to 10 with 1-to-1 correspondence, rote counting beyond 10
6. Recognizes basic colors
7. Tries to write her name; should be able to write name
8. Recognizes his name

Personal Information

1. Knows her full name
2. Knows how old he is
3. Knows her address and phone number
4. Knows his mother and father's firstnames