

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist 1

Alphabet Readiness	Reading Readiness
Recites the alphabet	Listens well to read aloud stories
Identifies uppercase and lowercase letters	Shows interest in reading-related activities
Matches uppercase letters to lowercase letters	Understands left to right movement of reading
Identifies the sounds each letter makes	Retells information from a story
	Sequences 3 pictures to tell a story
	Uses imagination
Listening Skills	Verbal Skills
Listens with understanding of directions	Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues
Follow 1-step and 2-step directions	Speaks in sentences
	Uses appropriate volume when speaking
	Can express and describe feelings
Writing Skills	Math Readiness
Uses scribbles to write words or ideas	Sorts by color, shape and size
Traces letters and numbers	Orders several objects based on one attribute
Writes a few letters without tracing	Recognizes simple patterns and can duplicate them
Uses pictures to communicate ideas	Counts to 20
	Counts objects with meaning to 10
Fine Motor Skills	Matches numerals
Stacks 10 one-inch blocks	Identifies 4 shapes: circle, square, rectangle and triangle
Buttons	Demonstrates understanding of directional concepts (up/down, right/left, over/under)
Strings beads	Shows understanding of and uses comparative words (big/little, long/short, slow/fast)
Zips	
Snaps	Gross Motor Skills
Laces	Runs (with good stamina)
Grasps crayon and pencil correctly	Skips
Completes a simple puzzle (7+ pieces)	Hops (on both feet and one foot)
Good scissor skills	Gallops
Uses glue neatly	Leaps
Uses tweezers	Jumps
Completes a pattern	Somersaults *advanced skill
Makes a pancake, snake, and ball from play dough	Pedals and steers a tricycle
Copies: Vertical line, horizontal line, circle, cross, square, V, triangle	Climbs a playground ladder
	Throws a ball with direction
	Catches a thrown ball with arms and body
	Bounces a ball

	Creative Arts		Music and Movement
	Identifies 10 colors: red, yellow, green, blue, purple, orange, white, black, pink, brown		Participate in group music experiences
	Explores different art materials		Participate in creative movement/dance
	Draws lines and shapes		Plays simple instruments
	Interprets pictures		Move rhythmically to music (dances)
			Sings
	Creative Drama		
	Make believes with objects		
	Takes on pretend roles and situations		
	Social Skills		
	Health and Wellness		Approach to Learning
	Knows how to wash hands		Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner
	Can appropriately dress for the weather		Is persistent in tasks and seeks help with problems
	Able to put shoes and coat on		Is pleasant and cooperative
	Follows proper bathroom procedures		
	Brushes teeth independently		Interaction with Others
	Distinguishes healthy versus non-healthy foods		Plays well with Others
			Take turns and shares
	Self-Knowledge		Cleans up after playing
	Recites first and last name		Uses manners
	Correctly states his/her gender and age		Listens when others speak
	Able to identify birthday		Interacts easily with familiar adults
	Recites names of parents		Respects items belonging to others
	Knows address and cellphone number		Considerate of other people's feelings
			Seeks adult help during conflicts
	Self-Control		Participates in group activities
	Follows rules and routines		
	Able to move from one activity to the next without problems		
	Demonstrates normal activity level		
	Expresses self with words, rather than acting out physically		