

# School Readiness Skills List

This list is a general guideline. Children develop at different rates.

This list is meant to help you discover which skills you may need to help your child learn.

If you have concerns about whether your child is really ready for school, you should contact the school.

## Reading Readiness

- \* Has been read to often
- \* Recognizes first name
- \* Looks at books
- Can turn pages of a book
- Knows words not pictures are read
- Names objects in books
- Knows some rhymes, poems, and songs
- Talks about what happens during the day
- Sees you reading



## Numbers Readiness

- \* Knows age
- \* Knows numbers 1-5 by sight
- \* Understands that numbers mean quantity (I want 2 toys)
- \* Counts out loud to 10
- Counts groups of objects from 1 through 5
- Knows bigger and smaller
- Can put things in order from small to big and big to small
- Knows same and different
- Able to group items that are the same
- Understand opposites: hot/cold fast/slow in/out
- Understands "where" words



## Social Readiness

- \* Can be away from parents without being upset
- \* Listens to, remembers, and follows one and two step directions (please close the door and bring me the book)
- \* Knows body parts (head, fingers, elbow, etc.)
- \* Dresses self
- Can stay on task
- Shares with others
- Knows that adults have authority
- Maintains self-control

## Writing Readiness

- \* Holds crayons or markers like a pencil.
- \* Familiar with letters/numbers
- Sees you writing



## Motor Skills

- Large Motor**
- \* Can follow the leader and walk, run, hop, jump, march
- \* Jumps on two feet
- Can balance on one foot to a count of 5
- Kicks large ball
- Catches big ball with two hands
- Small Motor**
- \* Draws and colors beyond scribbling
- \* Cuts with scissors
- \* Can zip, button, and snap
- Completes simple puzzles
- Plays with dough or clay



## Colors and Shapes

- \* Knows and names many colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, etc.)
- \* Knows basic shapes (square, triangle, circle, rectangle)



\* Skills to build first