

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS



Kindergarten is an exciting time, and we know you want your child to be happy, confident, and prepared.

These guidelines can help prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond.

## WELCOME

In Maryville City Schools, we have a long-standing tradition of academic excellence - reaching to our youngest learners. You have been your child's first teacher, and we are excited to partner with you to make this important next step a huge success for your kindergartner.

- \* [www.Maryville-Schools.org](http://www.Maryville-Schools.org)
- \* [www.BlountLibrary.org](http://www.BlountLibrary.org)
- \* [www.TN.Gov/ReadToBeReady](http://www.TN.Gov/ReadToBeReady)



## Language & Literacy

### IDENTIFIES LETTERS AND SOUNDS

- Choose a letter and find objects that begin with the same sound.
- Point out letters on familiar objects.

### RECOGNIZES AND PRINTS FIRST NAME

- Post your child's name in common places in your home

### SPEAKS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

- Share personal stories at dinner that include a beginning, middle, and end.

### CREATES AND RECOGNIZES RHYMING WORDS

- Read and sing nursery rhymes, songs, and raps.



## Math / Reasoning

### RECOGNIZES NUMBERS 1-10

- Read numbers.
- Practice telephone number.

### COUNTS TO 30

- Practice counting in the car.
- Count while brushing his/her teeth.

### IDENTIFIES COLORS, SHAPES, and SIZES

- Play I-SPY.

### COUNTS NUMBER OF OBJECTS

- Practice counting groups of everything.



## Social / Emotional

### SOLVE PROBLEMS

- Encourage your child to solve problems by using words.

### FOLLOW SIMPLE DIRECTIONS/ROUTINES

- Play cards.
- Play board games.

### STAYS ACTIVELY ENGAGED

- Complete a puzzle.
- Color a picture.
- Listen to a bedtime story.



## Fine Motor Skills

### STRENGTHEN FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Use scissors to cut pictures out of a magazine.
- Play with play dough.
- Play with building blocks.

### STRENGTHEN GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

- Hop on one foot.
- Stand on one foot.
- Walk backwards.



## Personal Care

- Use bathroom independently.
- Wash his/her hands.
- Blow and wipe nose as needed.
- Use utensils to eat.
- Dress him or herself:
  - \* use buttons, snaps, and zippers.



You'll be on your way up!  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
You'll join the high fliers  
who soar to high heights!

- Dr. Seuss

## Recommended Reading

- Dr. Seuss Books
- Eric Carle Books
- Biscuit Series
- Clifford Series
- Corduroy Series
- Franklin Series
- Llama Llama Series
- Berenstain Bears Series

