



Kindergarten Pre-Assessment Parent Instructions

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping to assess your child's readiness for entering Kindergarten this coming Fall. There are three areas that we would like to assess in order to determine what support your child may need over the summer: Reading Readiness, Math Sense, and Fine Motor skills. Knowing this information now will help you to assist your child in being prepared to have the best chance of success in the school setting. It also gives teachers and administrators valuable information to plan for the upcoming year. Instructions for each area are provided below, but if you have questions don't hesitate to email Mrs. Gibby (Assistant Principal) at mgibby@dsdmail.net.

Thanks,

Snow Horse Elementary Kindergarten Team

Please note: It is very important that the results of this assessment are accurate and valid. Please do not assist your child in completing these skills. If they are unable to do a task, simply move on to the next one.

*You will be entering the results of each of these assessments into a form online so that we can collect the information. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SCMBWD> to record your responses.

Items needed:

- A blank piece of paper
- A piece of paper with a line across it (can be found on school website for printing, if desired)
- Child-sized scissors
- A desktop computer or laptop
- "Get Ready to Read" recording sheet
- 5 small objects
- Shapes Page (can be found on school website)

Part 1: Fine Motor Skills

Give your child a piece of paper and a pencil. Ask them to write their first name, and then answer the questions on the online form: *Did your child hold the pencil correctly while writing their name? Did your child form the letters in their name correctly?*

Next, give your child the paper with a line across the middle (or just draw a straight line across a piece of paper). Hand your child the scissors and ask them to cut the paper on the line. Then answer the questions on the online form: *Did your child hold the scissors correctly? Did your child cut the paper on the line (or fairly close to it)?*



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Part 2: Reading Readiness Assessment

Please print a copy of the Get Ready to Read recording sheet (or simply record your child's responses on a piece of paper)

On a desktop computer or laptop please go to this website to give your child the assessment (**make sure that Flash is enabled; this will not work on an iPad**): <http://www.getreadytoread.org/screening-tools/grtr-screening-tool/the-tool>

Click "Use the Screening Tool".

Go through each of the 20 questions of the assessment with your child and record their answers. Then go to the online response form and enter their score out of 20, along with any comments about their responses (if desired).

Part 3: Math Skills

Ask your child to count to 10. Record whether they were able to count to 10 in the correct sequence in the online form.

Next, lay out the 5 small objects in front of your child and ask them to point to each one and count them. Record whether your child correctly counted each object individually in the online form.

Lastly, please print or show your child the page of shapes that is found on the school website. Point to each shape and ask them what it is called. Record your child's responses in the online form.

Make sure you enter your child's name and your name in the online form, and then click Done!

For next steps on helping your child during the upcoming months before Kindergarten, please review the page entitled "Kindergarten Readiness Recommendations" on our school website. Look at the area(s) that your child may need help strengthening in order to be ready for school in the fall, and work on those areas with your child in fun and simple ways. Thank you again for your help in assessing your child, and for helping us best meet the needs of each of our students at Snow Horse Elementary.