



Listed below are the developmental skills necessary for successful entry to our [Kindergarten program](#).

Required at testing:

- Holds and uses a pencil [correctly](#).
- Writes name (practice [fine motor skills](#) and [more](#))
- Knows all letter names when presented out of order
- Counts to 30
- Follows simple 3-step directions
- Sits still/focuses for 20-25 minutes (without a screen or device)*
- Recognizes primary colors and basic shapes
- Understands one-to-one correspondence (i.e., the number 3 represents 3 pencils)
- Responds to correction by changing behavior when asked
- Recalls information presented at a later time
- Recognizes words that sound alike
- Demonstrates [core strength](#), which comes from [gross motor skills](#)

**** [Independent use of digital media/devices before Kindergarten is not recommended by the AAP.](#)***

Expected to demonstrate by start of school year:

- Assumes responsibility for all self-care and personal belongings (carries own tote bag, zips/unzips lunch box, puts on jacket, etc.)
- Demonstrates familiarity with paper books (is used to being read to, knows how to hold a book, etc.)
- Is learning to tie his/her own shoes

As many young children were home with working parents during the pandemic, [this article](#) discusses problematic media usage that can alter social, behavioral, or academic outcomes for children.