

Ready for Kindergarten

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. **Verbalize wants and needs:** Encourage your child to speak clearly and in full sentences.
2. **Write their name:** your child should write their first name from left to right with capital and lowercase letters
3. **Read Everyday:** Reading books, street signs and other words in your child's world increases vocabulary, knowledge and ability to recognize letters and words
4. **Get themselves dressed:** your child should be able to put his/her own jacket on and off
5. **Be independent in the bathroom:** your child should use the restroom and wash hands by themselves
6. **Use scissors, glue and crayons:** practice fine motor skills
7. **Identify some letters and letter sounds:** sing the alphabet song and talk about letters and sounds
8. **Count to 10:** count out loud and encourage your child to count with you.
9. **Rhyme:** Use simple words and encourage your child to come up with a word that rhyme
10. **Separate from their parents:** separation anxiety is normal. Help your child feel comfortable being away from you.

Are you Ready? Kindergarten Checklist

Complete the checklist with your child.



I can use the restroom and wash my hands by myself



I know my parents' names and my home address



I can get my jacket on and off without any help



I know how I'm going to get to and from school



I cover my mouth when I sneeze or cough



I can drink from a cup, open a juice box, and properly use eating utensils.

REMEMBER...

Children develop at different rates. We recognize that children entering kindergarten will have different skill levels. Our teachers are prepared to work with your child with a variety of skills.