

Welcome to

MONON TRAIL KINDERGARTEN



10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

Read **books** everyday.

Develop **fine motor skills**: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting with scissors.

Print **first name** with *only* the first letter capitalized.

Learn to follow 2-step **instructions**: "Please go get your shoes and then put them on."

Use **good manners**: "Please" and "Thank You".

Talk about **social skills**: sharing, taking turns, positive words, handling anger, hands to self.

Help your child take **responsibility**: clean up messes, dress themselves, get their own snacks.

Practice **letter & sound recognition**: practice saying the letters and their sounds every day.

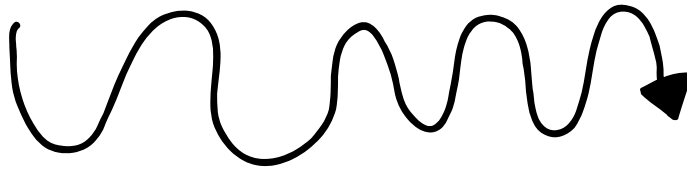
Practice **number recognition**: count objects daily.

Build **self-esteem**: praise your child often because Kindergarten is hard!











IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL?

Children are apt to get off to a better start in school if they enter kindergarten with certain basic skills. The following list indicates some of the skills that children should be working on throughout the preschool years in order to be better prepared for kindergarten. This list does not suggest that your child must have all of these items mastered prior to kindergarten, but if they have mastered most of them and are making progress toward others, they are probably ready to begin a successful learning experience at school.



General Knowledge

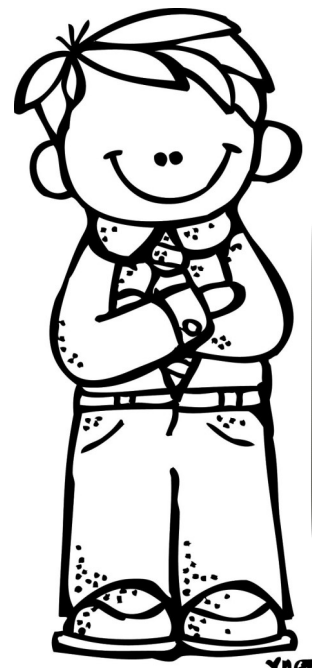
-  is curious and eager to learn
-  names familiar objects and their uses (spoon, chair, etc.)
-  identifies animals
-  names familiar places
-  knows and identifies people by name
-  understands words for when things happen (now, later, etc.)
-  understands words for how things feel (hard, soft, wet, etc.)
-  understands words for how things move (up, down, fast, slow, etc.)

Self Knowledge

- ✎ knows own full name
- ✎ knows own age
- ✎ knows own gender
- ✎ knows parents and siblings names
- ✎ knows telephone number
- ✎ knows basic body parts

Self-Reliance

- ✎ handles toilet needs without help
- ✎ dresses and undresses self
- ✎ handles spoon and fork
- ✎ carries food on a plate and liquid in a cup
- ✎ turns faucets on and off
- ✎ knows how to use a tissue
- ✎ knows key safety rules
- ✎ asks for help when needed

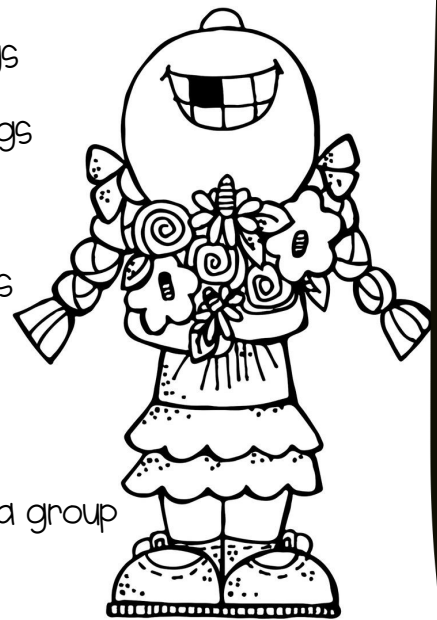


Speaking & Listening

- ✎ communicates needs verbally
- ✎ speaks clearly
- ✎ asks and answers questions
- ✎ takes part in everyday conversations
- ✎ follows simple directions
- ✎ makes up pretend stories
- ✎ recognizes various sounds
- ✎ tells the meaning of common words

Social Skills

- ✎ learning to concentrate on a task
- ✎ leaves home and parents without getting upset
- ✎ helps parents with chores
- ✎ becoming confident enough to explore new things
- ✎ understands that others have rights and feelings
- ✎ plays quietly alone for a while
- ✎ learning to take responsibility for own belongings
- ✎ plays with other children
- ✎ respects others property
- ✎ shares, takes turns & learning to take part in a group
- ✎ knows it is important to tell the truth



Reading & Writing

- ✎ enjoys listening to stories
- ✎ recalls basic facts about stories
- ✎ looks at picture books
- ✎ knows what an alphabet letter is
- ✎ recognizes own name in print
- ✎ learning to print own name
- ✎ draws simple pictures
- ✎ recites alphabet

Math & science

- ✎ counts aloud to 10
- ✎ counts a few objects
- ✎ likes to play counting games
- ✎ understands more/less, same/different, empty/full, all/none
- ✎ tells if two objects are similar or different
- ✎ matches like objects
- ✎ can arrange objects by size, shape, etc.
- ✎ recognizes basic shapes
- ✎ understands that money buys things
- ✎ has general understanding of time
- ✎ stacks and builds with blocks



Character

- ✎ respects adult authority
- ✎ follows rules
- ✎ learning to use good manners
- ✎ learning to be patient and control temper
- ✎ learning to work independently

Large & Fine Motor

- ✎ runs
- ✎ walks in line
- ✎ walks backward a few steps
- ✎ walks up and down stairs
- ✎ jumps on both feet
- ✎ stands on one foot for a few seconds
- ✎ throws, bounces, catches, kicks a ball
- ✎ pedals a tricycle
- ✎ pastes things on paper
- ✎ opens and closes buttons, snaps, and zippers
- ✎ can work easy puzzles
- ✎ draws with a pencil, colors with crayons, paints
- ✎ cuts with scissors
- ✎ laces shoes or threads a string with beads

