

KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECKLIST

Preparing your child for kindergarten lays the foundation for success both academically and in life. Kindergarten readiness for children ages four and five involves proactively developing skills & abilities across various fields including social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.

Social and Emotional Development

- Expresses wants, needs and emotions
- □ Separates from a caregiver and stays with another adult.
- □ Follows simple directions and routines
- □ Recognizes and identifies the feelings of others
- \square Able to sit and attend to an activity 5-10 minutes at a time
- □ Understands the importance of turn taking & sharing
- □ Initiates and accepts play/conversation with others
- □ Implements one to two coping skills when upset



Physical Development

- Developing grip on pencil, crayon, markerUses scissors safely
- □ Age appropriate self-help skills: toileting practices, putting on coat, wiping nose, and washing hands
- $\hfill\square$ Bounces, kicks, throws, and catches a ball
- □ Attempts to tie shoes
- □ Engages in physical movement activities
- $\hfill\square$ Cleans up after self

Intellectual Development

- □ States first and last name when asked
- □ Recognizes and tries to write first name with or without a model
- Understands one step directions
- □ Identifies and recognizes colors and shapes
- □ Enjoys listening to stories, songs, poems
- □ Exhibits curiosity about the world by asking "How?" and "Why?"
- □ Investigates and explores new things

