

You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for Kindergarten!

Personal Needs: Without help, can they...

- Put on and take off jacket or sweatshirt
- Tie their own shoes
- Wash their hands
- Snap, button, zip, and buckle
- Open their snack & lunch containers

Intellectual Skills: Do your children...

- Sit and listen to a story
- Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- Know their first and last name
- Tell and retell familiar stories
- Know colors, shapes, and size words
- Counts 0-10

Social Skills: Can they ...

- Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- Wait for their turn to speak
- Cooperate with other children
- Sit for short periods of time
- Follow simple two-step directions

Intellectual Skills {continued}

- Saying the ABC's
- Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
- Recognizes and writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name.) M-a-t, not M-A-T-T
- Recognizes the letters within their name

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas; provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing, and concern for others.

•Additional Resources•



The Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD is a fun and engaging way to teach children the letters and the sounds of the alphabet.



Starfall.com has several free educational videos and games for teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and more!

