



Summer Tips

Keep Academic Skills Strong in Preparation for Junior Kindergarten

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Here are the most common skills your child should know to help them feel confident and ready for their biggest adventure yet.

[A to Z Readiness JK/K](#)

Social Development and Self-Help Skills

- Knows and states personal information
- Independently cares for self (washing hands, dressing, using bathroom)
- Independently cares for personal belongings (school tools, crayons, scissors, etc.)
- Separates from parents comfortably
- Recognizes and respects authority
- Demonstrates self-control
- Interacts and shares with other children
- Shows respect for classmates
- With guidance, cleans up after play
- Participates in an appropriate manner in both whole group and small group activities

Verbal Skills

- Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Uses appropriate volume when speaking
- Expresses and describes feelings
- Able to clearly communicate their needs

Ready for Learning

- Expresses self with words instead of actions
- Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner
- Makes effort to complete tasks as best as he/she is able
- Seeks help with problems appropriately



Listening Skills and Cognitive Thinking

- Follows one-step and two-step instructions
- Understands directional terms: up, down, in, out, under, etc
- Understands comparative terms: big, little, short, long, slow, etc.
- Understands and is able to retell simple stories
- Match and sort objects
- Identify letters and beginning to understand that letters stand for the sounds heard in words
- Identify some numbers and understand how numbers are used
- Identify basic patterns, shapes and colors
- Write his/her own name

Fine Motor and Gross Motor Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Runs, hops
- Climbs a playground ladder
- Throws a ball with direction
- Catches ball with arms and body
- Bounces a ball
- Able to walk up and down steps
- Fine Motor Skills
- Stacks small blocks
- Able to hold a pencil with comfort
- Can draw shapes: square, circle, rectangle, triangle
- Beginning to button/ zip/ snap clothing
- Makes objects from playdough: snake, ball, pancake
- Can use eating utensils correctly

HELPFUL LINKS: Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

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