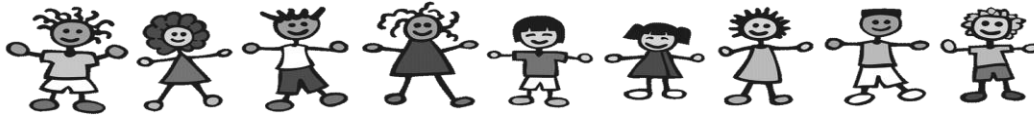


*This is a list including skills that are typically expected from children during their Kindergarten year. By no means does your child HAVE to demonstrate every skill listed when they start Kindergarten, but every opportunity you have to encourage the development of these skills is very beneficial!*



CARE FOR PERSONAL NEEDS:

- Can blow nose, cover sneeze
- Is independent with toilet use (including wiping self)
- Can wash own hands
- Can snap, button, zipper or belt own pants
- Can take off and put on coat
- Can tie shoes
- Recognizes own possessions: jacket, lunchbox, etc.
- Will sit at a table to eat
- Can eat unassisted
- Can use silverware
- Will put toys away when asked

SOCIAL:

- Will listen to an adult and do as told
- Can cooperate with other children
- Can play with other children without hitting, biting, or hurting them
- Can sit and be engaged (attend) for short periods (10-15 minutes)
- Can follow a rule
- Understands and follows oral directions
- Understands the difference between right and wrong
- Asks for help appropriately
- Looks to peers for clarification if needed

INTELLECTUAL:

- Shows an interest in books and reading
- Holds book and turns pages correctly
- Knows some songs, rhymes
- Participates in rhyming games

INTELLECTUAL, continued:

- Identifies some letters (especially those in own name)
- Identifies labels and signs in the environment
- Pretends to read
- Writes some letters and numbers
- Knows first and last name
- Writes first name
- Recognizes first name in print
- Knows names of family members
- Can tell others about an experience they have had
- Can tell the difference between real and make believe
- Can tell and retell familiar stories
- Can communicate personal needs
- Can repeat a simple sentence
- Has had a variety of experiences such as library, park, zoo, grocery store, post office
- Expresses ideas with drawings
- Is willing to try to complete a task

MOTOR:

- Can run, jump, climb, swing
- Can throw/catch a ball
- Can manipulate a variety of objects (ex. string beads, use playdoh)
- Knows how to hold and use crayons, pencils, and scissors appropriately
- Can copy simple shapes (lines, circles)

