

What Your Child Should Know and Be Able to Do Upon Entering Kindergarten

For each category, please check the skills that your child knows or is able to do:

Care for Personal Needs


- Can blow nose, cover sneeze
- Is independent in using the toilet
- Can wash own hands
- Can snap, button, zipper or belt own pants
- Can take off and put on coat
- Can put shoes on
- Can tie or fasten shoes
- Recognizes own possessions: jacket, lunchbox, etc.
- Can eat unassisted
- Will put away toys when asked

Social

- Will listen to an adult and do as told without ignoring or having a tantrum
- Can cooperate with other children (waiting for a turn and taking a turn)
- Can play with other children without hitting or biting
- Can sit for short periods (15 min.)
- Can follow a rule
- Understands directions
- Follows directions (does it right away)
- Knows to ask for help when needed

Academic

- Shows an interest in books and reading
- Holds book and turns pages correctly
- Knows some songs, rhymes
- Identifies most letters (especially those in own name)
- Identifies labels and signs in the environment
- Pretends to read and write
- Knows first, middle and last name
- Knows the difference between left and right
- Knows names of family members (i.e. - Mom's name is Susan)
- Can tell about an experience (i.e. - playing a game, going to the park, etc.)
- Can tell and retell familiar stories
- Can communicate personal needs (i.e. - I need to go to the bathroom, thirsty)
- Has had a variety of experiences such as library, park, zoo, store, or post office
- Can use crayons, pencil, scissors
- Expresses ideas with drawings
- Is willing to try to complete a task

(please turn over) 

Health

- Has had all required immunizations
- Has had a health check-up
- Receives medical care when sick
- Receives dental check-ups regularly
- Eats at regular times each day (At school, students eat at scheduled times)
- Gets eight or more hours of sleep at night
- Can run, jump, climb, swing and use balls

If your child has difficulty with any of the listed skills, please work on them at home. If you need suggestions on how to help your child master these skills, please contact Ms. Harvey or Mrs. Roscup at the school for ideas. They are happy to help.

Student Name