



# Kindergarten Entry Goals

Children are natural learners. Their innate curiosity, sense of wonder and exploratory nature are traits that will be fostered and nourished in Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will experience growth in the following curricular areas: Social Readiness, Self-Help Skills, Work Habits, Reading, Writing, Science, Technology, Math, Social Studies, Health & Safety, Music, Art and Physical Education.

Some ideas to help prepare your child for kindergarten are listed below.

- **Demonstrates increasing comfort with separation from family/caregivers**
- **Manages clothing, bathroom use and outdoor gear independently**
- **Speaks their first and last name when asked**
- **Shares their parents/caregivers first and last name when asked**
- **Asks for help when needed**
- **Tries hard to complete a task of interest**
- **Enjoys reading together and is careful handling books**
- **Writes their first name**
- **Recognize as many letters and sounds as possible**
- **Asks: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How questions**
- **Labels how she or he is feeling**
- **Labels how a friend or family member is feeling**
- **Counts to 20**
- **Can identify "more" and "less"**
- **Enjoys puzzles**
- **Draws a picture and replaces the marker cap when finished**
- **Labels 5 shapes**
- **Moves safely from one place to the next, quickly and slowly**
- **Hold and use a scissors and pencil**

## Practice at Home

You can support your child at home by:

- Reading together
- Counting items in the grocery cart
- Talking about feelings and singing songs
- Encouraging independence in the bathroom and with dressing
- Playing together imaginatively
- Writing your names together - then talk about the letter names and their sounds
- Practicing your home address and phone number

## Great Start to Kindergarten

PLSAS is committed to preparing instruction that caters to the unique learning needs of all children. "Great Start to Kindergarten" assessments for students will be held in early to mid August.

**Have you scheduled your Early Childhood Screening?  
Call: 952-226-0975**

**Enrollment is for students 5-years-old by September 1. Children reaching age 5 after September 1 may meet specific criteria for early entrance into kindergarten. Call your building principal for details.**

