

Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

Fine Motor Skills:

- K3 Colors with crayons
- K3 Builds with blocks
- K3 Manipulates playdough
- K4 Cuts with scissors*
- K4 Uses a glue stick*
- K5 Writes first name with pencil**
- K5 Copies simple shapes, numbers, and letters**

Language Skills:

- K3 Speaks using simple sentences in English
- K3 Expresses needs verbally
- K3 Responds to questions
- K4 Identifies colors*
- K4 Speaks using complete sentences in English*
- K4 Attempts to use personal pronouns such as I, you, and me*
- K4 Gives personal information such as name and age*

Social Skills:

- K3 Plays with other children
- K3 Expresses displeasure verbally rather than physically
- K3 Focuses attention during a story or activity for 10 - 15 minutes
- K3 Cooperates with adults
- K4 Keeps hands away from face and out of mouth*
- K4 Focuses attention during a story or activity for 15 - 20 minutes*
- K5 Follows several directions given at one time**
- K5 Focuses attention during a story or activity for 20 - 25 minutes**

Self-Help Skills:

- K3 Feeds himself
- K3 Attempts to take off and put on coat or sweater
- K3 Controls bladder and bowel movements and uses a toilet for elimination
- K3 Attempts to button, snap, and zip pants after using the restroom
- K3 Wipes nose with a tissue
- K4 Uses the restroom without assistance*
- K4 Takes off and puts on coat or sweater without assistance*
- K5 Ties shoes**

Pre-Reading and Pre-Math Skills:

- K3 Shows an interest in books
- K4 Counts to 5 or beyond*
- K5 Recognizes uppercase and lowercase letters**
- K5 Hears the similarities and differences in sounds and words**
- K5 Sees the similarities and differences in letters and words**
- K5 Recognizes numerals 1-10**
- K5 Counts a set of objects (up to 8)**