

# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Verbal Skills	
	Speaks in sentences
	Can express and describe feelings
	Uses appropriate volume when speaking
	Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues
Listening Skills	
	Listens with understanding of directions
	Follows 1-step & 2-step directions
Reading Readiness	
	Listens well to read aloud stories
	Shows interest in reading-related activities
	Understands left to right movement of reading
	Retells information from a story
	Sequences 3 pictures to tell a story
Alphabet	
	Recites the alphabet
	Identifies uppercase & lowercase letters
	Matches uppercase letters to lowercase letters
Writing	
	Uses scribbles to write words or ideas
	Traces letters and numbers
	Writes a few letters without tracing
	Uses pictures to communicate ideas
Math	
	Sorts by color, shape, and size
	Orders several objects based on 1 attribute
	Counts to 20
	Identifies 4 shapes: circle, square, triangle, and rectangle
	Counts objects with meaning to 10
	Matches numerals
	Identifies 4 shapes: circle, square, triangle, and rectangle
	Demonstrates understanding of directional concepts (up/down, right/left, over/under)
	Shows understanding of and uses comparative words (big/little, short/long, slow/fast)

Gross Motor Skills	
	Runs (with good stamina)
	Skips
	Hops (on both feet and one foot)
	Gallops
	Jumps
	Pedals and steers a tricycle
	Throws a ball with direction
	Catches a thrown ball with arms and body
	Bounces a ball
Creative Arts	
	Identifies 10 colors: red, yellow, blue, pink, green, orange, purple, black, white, brown
	Draws lines and shapes
	Interprets pictures
Fine Motor Skills	
	Stacks 10 one-inch blocks
	Buttons
	Strings beads
	Zips
	Snaps
	Laces
	Grasps crayon and pencil correctly
	Completes a simple puzzle (7+ pieces)
	Good scissor skills
	Uses glue neatly
	Completes a pattern
	Makes a pancake, snake, and ball from play dough
	Copies: vertical line, horizontal line, circle, cross, square, V, triangle

Social Skills	
Self-Knowledge	
	Correctly states his/her gender and age
	Recites first and last name
	Able to identify birthday
	Knows address and telephone number
	Recites names of parents
Interaction with Others	
	Plays well with others
	Takes turns and shares
	Cleans up after playing
	Participates in group activities
	Interacts easily with familiar adults
	Considerate of other people's feelings
	Respects items belonging to others
	Listens when others speak
	Seeks adult help during conflicts
	Uses manners
Approach to Learning	
	Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner
	Is persistent in tasks and seeks help with problems
	Is pleasant and cooperative
Health & Wellness	
	Brushes teeth independently
	Knows how to wash hands
	Can appropriately dress for the weather
	Follows proper bathroom procedures
	Able to put shoes and coat on
Self-Control	
	Follows rules and routines
	Able to move from one activity to the next without problems
	Demonstrates normal activity level
	Expresses self with words, rather than acting out physically

