

CHILD-READY CHECKLIST FOR PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

It's important to note children develop at their own pace, and these signs may vary from child to child. However, if a child is exhibiting many of these signs, it may indicate that they are ready for preschool.

MOTOR SKILLS & SELF CARE

- Does your child know how to use the restroom on their own?
- Can they wash their hands independently?
- Are they able to dress?
- Do they have good balance and coordination?
- Are they able to run without tripping or falling?
- Do they participate in physical activities?
- Can your child hold a pencil and make marks on paper?
- Are they able to open and close scissors?
- Can they close a button on their clothes or slip on shoes?
- Do they complete simple puzzles or color within the lines of a picture?

EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL SKILLS

- Does your child seem comfortable spending time away from you with others (such as relatives or friends)?
- Does your child show excitement or eagerness to attend activities?
- Can your child transition smoothly between activities and environments without excessive distress?
- Does your child listen when spoken to?
- Can the child follow one-step commands (e.g., "Please come here," "Put the toy away")?
- Is your child interested in playing with other children and making friends?
- Does your child participate in group activities, such as playing games or singing songs?
- Does your child express their feelings and emotions using words or facial expressions?
- Does your child understand emotions (e.g., happy, sad, angry, frustrated)?

THINKING & PROBLEM SOLVING

- Does your child show an ability to concentrate while engaging in play?
- Can your child switch focus from one task to another appropriately?
- Does the child attempt to solve problems on their own or seek help?
- Does your child understand basic concepts such as more/less, big/small, etc.?
- Can your child identify simple patterns or sequences?
- Does the child understand basic counting and numerical concepts?
- Is your child expanding their vocabulary?
- Does your child make attempts to communicate their needs and wants?
- Does your child understand simple questions and answer them?

ADAPTABILITY

- How does your child respond to new people and places?
- Does your child have trouble transitioning to and from different environments or places?
- How does your child cope with changes in routine?
- Does the child seem open to trying new foods or activities?
- Does the child seem hesitant or excited when faced with something new?



Find activities and ideas to help prepare your child for preschool at smartstartchildcarellc.com.