

80 Skills Students Should Have Before Starting Kindergarten

READING READINESS:

- *Remembers pictures from a printed page
- *Repeats a 6-8 word sentence
- *Pretends to read (and has been read to frequently)
- *Identifies own first name in writing
- *Prints own first name
- *Answers questions about a short story
- *Looks at pictures and tells a story
- *Understands that one reads from left to right

Knows:

Letters of the alphabet

Some nursery rhymes

The meaning of simple words

TIME:

- *Understands day and night
- *Knows age and birthday

LISTENING AND SEQUENCING:

- *Follows simple directions
- *Pays attention
- *Recognizes common sounds
- *Retells a simple story in sequence
- *Repeats:
 - A sequence of sounds
 - A sequence of orally given numbers

SIZE, POSITION, AND DIRECTION:

- *Understands:
 - Big and little
 - Long and short
 - Up and down
 - In and out
 - Front and back
 - Over and under
 - Hot and cold
 - Empty and full
 - More and less
 - Fast and slow
 - Top and bottom

COLORS AND SHAPES:

- *Recognizes primary colors and shapes

NUMBERS:

- *Counts to 10 and counts objects

Motor Skills:

**Is able to :*

Run, Walk a straight line, Jump, Hop, March,
Paste pictures on paper, Clap hands, Button clothes,
Build with blocks, Complete simple puzzles, Draw
and color beyond a simple scribble, Zip clothes,
Control pencil and crayon well, Handle scissors,
Cut and draw simple shapes

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- *Expresses self verbally
- *Identifies other children by name
- *Can be away from parents 2-3 hours
- *Looks forward to going to school
- *Can take care of toilet needs independently
- *Cares for own belongings
- *Dresses self
- *Brushes own teeth
- *Joins in family conversation
- *Carries a plate of food
- *Maintains self-control
- *Gets along with other children
- *Recognizes authority
- *Shares with others
- *Talks easily
- *Meets visitors without shyness
- *Puts away toys
- *Helps with family chores
- *Works independently

Knows:

Body parts
Own first name/Own last name
Parents' names
Home address
Home phone number
When to use a tissue
Own sex