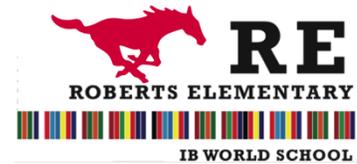


# Parent Guide to Kindergarten



## What should my child know before entering Kindergarten?

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize all 26 letters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize all 26 letter sounds (knowing “m” makes the “mmm” sound)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produce the correct sounds for all 26 letters (produce the sound that goes with the letter)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make inferences and predictions in stories read aloud</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Combine sentences that give detail, sticking to topic, and clearly communicating meaning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produce a word that begins with the same sound as a given pair of words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use directionality when writing (top to bottom, left to right)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify rhyming words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produce a word that rhymes with a given pair of words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize words in the world around them</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understand that words can be broken apart into syllables</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture to convey meaning (if able, write letters, words, and short sentences)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Listen to fiction and nonfiction read alouds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count up to 10 items and demonstrate that the last count is the total</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count 1-10 items, with one count per item (one-to-one correspondence)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verbally identify, without counting, the number of objects from 1 to 5</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rote count from 1 to 30</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize one-digit numerals, 0 through 9</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use objectives to create and verbally share pictorial models for adding up to five objects</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sort objects that are the same and different into groups and use language to describe how the groups are similar and different</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize and compare heights or lengths of people or objects (e.g., shorter, longer, taller, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Measure and recognize how much can be placed within an object (e.g., marbles in a jar)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create patterns (e.g., AB, ABB, AAB, ABC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use concrete objects and pictorial models to solve simple word problems (adding and taking away)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use technology to complete simple tasks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize basic shapes (circle, square, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>BEYOND ACADEMICS</b> <b>Social &amp; Emotional Behavior</b></p>	<p><b>HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know age and birthday</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Write and recognize name</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fine motor skills (holding a pencil, cutting with scissors, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow 2-step directions (stand up and push in your chair)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wait and take turns</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respect personal space</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regulate own behavior with occasional reminders or assistance from the teacher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remain focused on engage group activities for up to 20 minutes at a time</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assumes roles and responsibilities as part of classroom community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand vocabulary by talking to your child in the car or grocery stores and pointing out letters and words on signs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ask your child questions after reading a story (What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? How did the characters feel?)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When reading, have your child hold the book and point to each word</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review sight words by playing games</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Model and help your child write their first and last name, letters, numbers, and words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Help your child practice math skills (e.g., counting food at grocery store, sorting laundry, sorting dishes, etc.)</li> </ul>