

Parent Guide to Kindergarten Readiness

<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Beyond Academics</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize all 26 letters Beginning ability to write all 26 letters (upper and lower case) Produce a word that begins with the same sound as a given pair of words Use directionality when writing (top to bottom, left to right) Identify rhyming words Recognize words in the world around them Express ideas with illustrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count up to 10 items and demonstrate that the last count is the total Count 1-10 items, with one count per item (one-to-one correspondence) Verbally identify, without counting, the number of objects from 1 to 5. Rote count from 1 to 20 Recognize and write one-digit numerals, 0 through 9 Sort objects that are the same and different into groups and use language to explain why Recognize basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know their age and birthday Write and recognize their first and last name Fine motor skills (holding a pencil properly, cutting with scissors, etc.) Follow multi-step directions Ability to wait and take turns Respect personal space Assumes roles and responsibilities as part of classroom community Be able to open and close backpack independently Be able to open lunch and snack containers independently

How can I help my child learn at home?

- Expand vocabulary by talking to your child in the car or grocery stores and pointing out letters and words on signs
- Ask your child questions after reading a story (What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? How did the characters feel?)
- When reading, have your child hold the book and point to each word
- Review sight words by playing games
- Model and help your child write their first and last name, letters, numbers, and words
- Help your child practice math skills (e.g., counting food at grocery store, sorting laundry, sorting dishes, etc.)