



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Self Help Skills

- Can use the bathroom independently and complete accompanying hygiene tasks
- Able to dress self (puts on coat, fastens snaps, buttons and zippers)
- States full name and age

Social/Emotional Skills

- Separates from caregivers without excessive upset
- Plays/shares with other children
- Waits his turn
- Attends to an adult-directed task for at least 5 minutes
- Recognizes and responds to other people's feelings
- Uses "please" and "thank you"

Language Skills (Expressive and Receptive)

- Expresses needs and wants verbally
- Speaks in complete sentences (5 to 6 words)
- Is generally understood by adults
- Uses words, not physical action, to express emotions such as anger or disappointment
- Understands and follows two-step directions
- Understands positional vocabulary (i.e. on top of, below, next to)

Fine Motor Skills

- Holds pencil/crayon in a non-fisted grip
- Able to control scissors to complete an intentional task
- Traces lines and basic shapes
- Copies basic figures such as a circle, square and a straight line

Online Resources

Scholastic: Getting ready for kindergarten:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/what-to-expect-grade/preparing-kindergarten>

Bright Horizons: Getting ready for kindergarten: What to expect

<http://www.brighthouse.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2013-getting-ready-for-kindergarten/>

Baby Center: Kindergarten readiness: Is your child ready for school?

http://www.babycenter.com/0_kindergarten-readiness-is-your-child-ready-for-school_67232.bc

Ready! For Kindergarten: Early learning that ensures children succeed in school.

<http://www.readyforkindergarten.org/>

Kindergarten Picture Books



Title	Author
Froggy goes to school	Johnathan London
Splat the cat	Rob Scotton
Oliver and his alligator	Paul Schmid
Mom, it's my first day of kindergarten!	Hyewon Yum
Off to school, baby duck!	Amy Hest
Look out Kindergarten, here I come!	Nancy Carlson
Off to Kindergarten	Tony Johnston
On the way to kindergarten	Virginia Kroll
Amelia Bedelia's first day of school	Herman Parish
Welcome to kindergarten	Anne Rockwell
The twelve days of kindergarten	Deborah Lee Rose
Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten	Joseph Slate
The big day! First day of school	Nicola Barber