

Skills for Kindergarten Readiness

These skills are all helpful as young children enter kindergarten. Talk and work with each child in your care to build and strengthen these skills and prepare every child to have a great start to school. For easy reference, you can print copies of this list and make note of which skills each child has mastered, and which ones could still use improvement.

Name: _____

Most of the time and without help, the child can . . .

- identify all the letters of the alphabet out of order.
- identify numbers 1 through 10 out of order.
- name and draw three basic shapes: circle, square, and cross.
- write his or her name.
- name 6 or more colors accurately.
- use child-safe scissors to cut across an 8-inch page.
- sit quietly and calmly while someone is reading or talking for 10 minutes.
- follow verbal instructions consistently.
- work independently on an assigned project for 10 minutes.
- go to the bathroom independently.
- eat independently.
- separate from a parent or caregiver without significant anxiety.
- take off and put on shoes independently.
- take turns in a simple game with others.
- share toys without getting upset.

Notes: