

READINESS CHECKLIST FOR KINDERGARTEN

Before they start kindergarten, most children who are 5 years old:

General Knowledge

- can recognize four or more colors
- show an interest in numbers
- can recognize some numbers
- can count to twenty
- can count four or more objects
- can repeat a series of four numbers
- can draw or copy a circle and a square
- show an interest in letters of the alphabet
- can sing the alphabet song
- can recite the alphabet
- can recognize some letters of the alphabet
- can look at books with pictures and pretend to read
- can retell a simple story
- can recognize common sounds (train, animal sounds, sirens, etc.)
- understand safety rules and can sense danger

Physical Development

- can walk backwards for about five feet
- can walk a straight line for about five feet
- can stand on one foot for five or more seconds
- can walk up and down steps with alternating feet
- can hop on one foot for two or three times
- can dress himself/herself
- can button his/her clothes
- can write some letters in his/her name
- can feed himself/herself
- can take care of his/her toilet needs
- show an interest in drawing
- can cut with scissors
- can sit still for a short period of time
- can talk so that unfamiliar persons can understand
- can speak in full sentences
- can follow a two-part direction

Emotional Development

- can be away from their parent for a full day without becoming upset
- can be left with a baby sitter without making a big fuss
- can handle when plans are changed
- can take care of his/her belongings (coat, toys, lunch, backpack)
- can change from one adult to another
- can change from one place to another
- can change from one task to another

Social Development

- can easily share things
- can make friends
- can keep a friend
- can take turns
- can play well with others
- can "work" cooperatively with other children on a task
- can identify other children by name
- can use good manners (say, "Thank you, Please, Excuse me")