

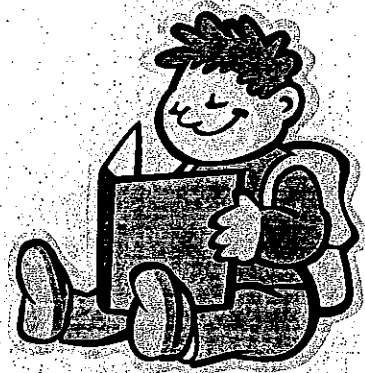
# Kindergarten Readiness

## WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN KNOW?

As your child gets ready to enter kindergarten, you may ask, "Will my child be ready?" The following list includes the skills that will help your child experience success as he/she enters kindergarten. Please read each item and check the boxes for the items your child is able to complete. These are recommended goals for the start of the kindergarten year.

### SELF-HELP DEVELOPMENT

- Fastens large buttons.
- Puts toys away when asked.
- Washes and dries hands.
- Puts shoes on correct feet.
- Ties shoes.
- Uses the bathroom.
- Dresses self.
- Cares for own belongings.
- Says own first name and last name.
- Recites own phone number with area code.
- Recites own address (house #, street, state zip).



### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Focuses on one activity for at least 15 minutes at a time.
- Accepts limits without getting upset.
- Separates easily from parents.
- Stops an activity when grown-up says to do so.
- Keeps working at something until it is finished.
- Waits for his or her turn in games.
- Uses words rather than physical actions to settle arguments with other children.
- Identifies other children by name.
- Describes others' feelings (such as happy, sad, and mad).
- Waits to hear the entire question before answering.
- Goes to bed easily without a struggle.
- Asks permission to use something that belongs to someone else.

### GENERAL SKILLS

- Shows an interest in books. Identifies the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
- Holds and uses a crayon or pencil correctly. Proper grip is pointer finger on top with the middle finger on the bottom.
- Holds and uses scissors with thumb up at all times.
- Completes a simple puzzle.
- Picks out own name from a group of names.
- Print first name (encourage only first letter capital).
- Recites alphabet (clearly separates I, m, n, o, and p).
- Counts from 0-20.
- Name the numbers 0-20 (in mixed order).
- Counts a set of objects to 10.
- Recognizes basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, oval and rectangle).
- Recognizes and names colors.
- Name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet (in mixed order).
- Match uppercase letter to the lowercase letter.