

Kindergarten Checklist



Ages 4-6



Reading Skills

- Looks at books or pictures on their own
- Pretends to read books by reading the pictures
- Tries to read in everyday situations (signs, labels, etc.)
- Recognizes rhyming words
- Blends sounds into words
- Recognizes some common words in print
- Recognizes many uppercase and lowercase letters
- Recognizes some letter sounds
- Describes characters' actions and feelings in a story
- Relates stories to personal experiences
- Puts events of a story in order

Writing Skills

- Tries to write, scribble or draw
- Asks you to write words or notes to others
- Attempts to write own name and recognizes own name in print

Mathematical Concepts

- Understands concepts and compares the size of groups of objects using language such as "more," "less" and "same as"
- Arranges objects in size order (big to small, or small to big)
- Uses comparison words, like "bigger," "smaller," "heavier," etc.
- Identifies and draws a square, circle and triangle
- Correctly counts four to ten objects
- Knows that the final number counted represents the total number of objects in a set
- Can distinguish numbers from letters, and understands that numbers relate to quantity
- Understands the effects of addition and subtraction

Scientific Skills

- Shows interest and asks questions about objects and events observed in their environment
- Notices common properties and differences among objects and materials
- Knows some facts about common plants and animals, such as what they eat and baby names
- Recognizes some objects in the sky such as the sun, moon, clouds, and lightning

Social and Creative Skills

- Assigns roles or takes assigned roles during play.
- Takes on characteristics and actions during role play.
- Uses language to create and sustain plots during play.
- Uses elaborate themes, ideas, details during play.
- Helps plan and agrees to rules during play.
- Recognizes basic traditions such as birthdays
- Understands that people live in different parts of the worlds and have different customs and traditions
- Explores simple maps and visual representations of neighborhoods or communities