

# IS IT TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN?

How can I tell if my child is ready for kindergarten?

Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for families. There are many factors to consider when deciding if your child is ready for kindergarten. These factors may include maturity, motor skills, attention span, and age. Kindergarten expectations have changed a lot over the years and a key factor to your child's success is his or her readiness for school. By the end of kindergarten, students will be reading, writing sentences and computing addition and subtraction. If your child meets the age criteria, you may also want to consider the kindergarten readiness skills below:

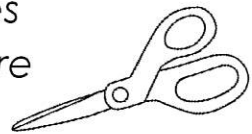
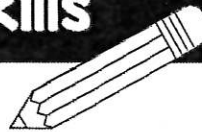


## Self-Help Skills

- Use the bathroom independently
- Zip coat
- Take shoes on and off
- Button/snap pant fasteners
- Recognize his/her first and last name (not a nickname)

## Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil
- Write first name
- Use scissors to cut basic shapes
- Trace lines and shapes
- Color or draw a picture

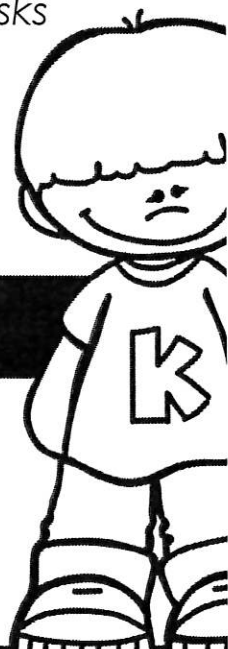
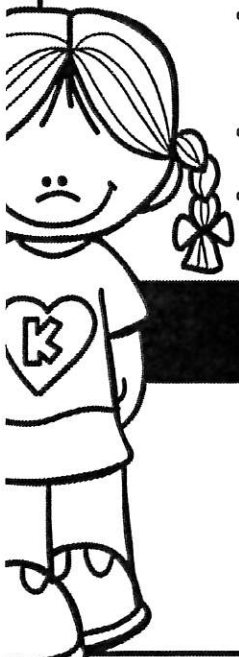


## Social Skills

- Complete 2-step directions
- Sit and listen to someone read a story for 5-10 minutes
- Play a game and accept losing
- Take turns while playing
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- Complete short tasks without an adult's help.
- Control emotions without tantrums.

## Academic Skills

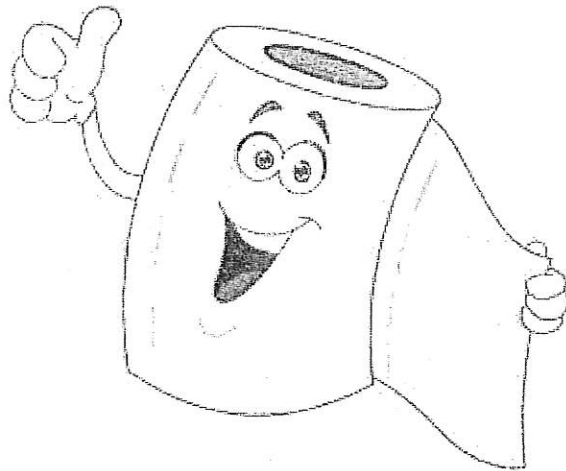
- Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0 - 10
- Sing and say ABCs
- Identify letter names (out of order)
- Follow direction from adults



# TOILETING EXPECTATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Your child should:

- Recognize when they need to go to the bathroom and be able to ask to go
- Wear underwear under their clothing
- Know how to pull down their own underwear and pants
- Be able to sit on or stand to use the toilet/urinal
- Wipe themselves without assistance with toilet paper
- Pull up their pants and underwear
- Wash their hands



We understand that occasional accidents may happen. Please remember to provide an extra set of underwear and clothing in a labeled bag to keep in your child's classroom for emergencies.

**REMINDER:** The school nurse will call the parent/guardian to pick up their child if it is a bowel movement accident. Teachers do not change their students.