



Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Use this checklist to notice skills your child is developing. Check each item that is consistently demonstrated and use the remaining items as areas to practice and support.

Literacy

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Show interest in books and stories
☐	Listen to a story and talk about what happened
☐	Recognize some uppercase letters
☐	Recognize some lowercase letters
☐	Recognize their own name
☐	Begin connecting letters with their sounds
☐	Notice or identify rhyming words
☐	Understand that print carries meaning
☐	Attempt to write their name
☐	Use drawing, scribbling, letters, or other marks to communicate ideas

Math

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Count objects during everyday activities
☐	Count in sequence
☐	Recognize some numerals
☐	Understand that numbers represent quantities
☐	Compare groups using ideas such as more, less, or same
☐	Identify common shapes
☐	Sort objects by characteristics such as color, shape, or size
☐	Notice and extend simple patterns
☐	Use simple problem-solving strategies

Language & Communication

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Communicate wants, needs, thoughts, and ideas
☐	Speak clearly enough for familiar adults to understand
☐	Participate in conversations
☐	Answer questions
☐	Ask questions
☐	Follow simple directions
☐	Follow two-step or multi-step directions with increasing independence
☐	Listen when another person is speaking
☐	Retell or describe something that happened

Social-Emotional Development

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Separate from caregivers with increasing confidence
☐	Participate in play with other children
☐	Take turns
☐	Share materials with support
☐	Follow familiar classroom or household routines
☐	Recognize and name basic emotions
☐	Express feelings using words
☐	Begin managing frustration with support
☐	Ask an adult for help when needed
☐	Show empathy or concern for others

Executive Function & Learning Skills

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Pay attention during a short activity
☐	Follow through with a simple task
☐	Remember and follow directions
☐	Try again when something is difficult
☐	Wait for a turn
☐	Make simple choices
☐	Ask questions when they need help
☐	Begin working independently
☐	Solve simple problems
☐	Transition between activities with increasing ease

Independence & Self-Care

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Use the bathroom with increasing independence
☐	Wash and dry their hands
☐	Manage simple clothing tasks
☐	Open and close some lunch or food containers
☐	Clean up after activities
☐	Put belongings in their designated place
☐	Recognize their personal belongings
☐	Follow basic hygiene routines
☐	Ask for help when a task is beyond their ability

Fine Motor

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Use crayons, pencils, or markers with increasing control
☐	Draw lines and simple shapes
☐	Attempt to write letters or numbers
☐	Use scissors safely with appropriate supervision
☐	Manipulate small objects
☐	Build with blocks
☐	Complete simple puzzles
☐	Use classroom tools and materials

Gross Motor

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Run
☐	Jump
☐	Hop
☐	Climb
☐	Balance
☐	Throw a ball
☐	Catch or attempt to catch a ball
☐	Participate in active play
☐	Move safely through different environments

Science

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Ask questions about the world around them
☐	Observe and describe things they notice
☐	Explore materials through play
☐	Make simple predictions
☐	Notice similarities and differences
☐	Talk about what happened during an activity
☐	Show curiosity about living and nonliving things

Social Studies

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Talk about family and community
☐	Recognize familiar places and people
☐	Understand simple concepts of time and sequence
☐	Talk about rules and why they matter
☐	Begin understanding that people have different roles and responsibilities
☐	Show awareness of their community

Creative Arts

Your child is developing kindergarten-readiness skills when they:

☐	Draw and create freely
☐	Explore different art materials
☐	Sing or participate in music
☐	Move to music
☐	Engage in pretend or imaginative play
☐	Use creative activities to communicate ideas
☐	Experiment with colors, shapes, sounds, and materials