



Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist for Parents



EMERGENT LITERACY

- Listens, tells and engages in story being read
- Participates in singing songs and saying rhymes
- Retells stories from favorite books and personal experiences
- Decides if two words rhyme for example, cat and bat
- Holds books right side up, turns pages one at a time from front-to-back
- Recognizes print they see in their everyday life (for example, stop signs and logos for Wal-Mart and McDonald's)
- Recognizes and names some letters of the alphabet, especially in their own name
- Produces the correct sounds for some of the letters of the alphabet
- Writes some letters correctly, especially those in own name

MATHEMATICAL THINKING

- Counts in sequence up to 20
- Understands and uses terms such as first, second and last
- Counts objects using one number for each object

- Recognizes four objects in a group without counting

- Recognizes numerals 1-10

- Sorts objects by color, shape and size

- Recognizes and repeats patterns such as triangle, square, triangle, square

- Measures and compares height of objects

- Arranges objects from shortest to longest (for example, shoe sizes or different lengths of yarn)

- Recognizes and names familiar shapes such as square, triangle, circle and rectangle

- Understands and uses words such as inside, outside, up, down, over and under

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Asks questions about the world around them (for example, "What do plants need to grow?")
- Recognizes that living things change over time (for example, babies grow and become adults and seeds grow and become plants.)
- Recognizes and names these five colors: red, blue, yellow, green and black
- Uses simple technology devices such as touch screen, e-book reader or digital camera

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Knows own first and last name, age, and knows names of family members
- Understands and talks about today, yesterday, tomorrow, after lunch, day and night
- Is aware of familiar buildings and special places in the community such as home, school, grocery store and park

CREATIVITY & AESTHETICS

- Enjoys singing and moving to the beat and speed of music
- Explores drawing with crayons and markers
- Enjoys pretend play (for example, rocking a baby doll, driving a truck or pretending to talk on a toy telephone)



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