

Social and Personal Skills

To maximize success in the beginning of Kindergarten, students should be able to...

*tell their first and last name and recognize their first and last name in print

*be responsible for personal items (jackets, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc.) and classrooms items (clean up after play and work)

*use the restroom by themselves and keep it tidy (throw things in trashcan, neatly use the toilet)

*verbally express needs and thoughts

*follow simple rules and routines

Social and Personal Skills

Simple ways to help your child this summer:

*practice reading their first and last name together

*gradually give your child more responsibility at home (*putting toys and clothing away*)

*Play board games together
practice taking turns and being good winners and losers.

*Verbally give your child one or two step directions
encourage them to follow through.



KINDERGARTEN

WHAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD
NEED TO KNOW



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Kindergarten is not what it used to be.

This brochure lists academic, motor, social, and personal skills that children should know and be able to do before they come to kindergarten. Knowing these skills will help your child succeed in Kindergarten.

Essential Questions to ask after reading

- *Who are the characters and what are they like?
- *What is the setting? Tell about or draw it.
- *What do you like best about the story? Why?
- *What happened at the beginning of the story?
- *What happened in the middle of the story?
- *What happened in the end of the story?

Academic and Motor Skills

To have a successful start to kindergarten, students should be able to...

- *write their first and last name
- *use scissors independently
- *put on their own shoes
- *tie their shoes independently (within the first semester)
- *grasp a pencil the correct way (not closed-fisted)
- *listen attentively to stories



Academic and Motor Skills

Simple ways to help your child this summer...

- *Practice writing their first and last name together (first letter is upper case, following letters are lower case.) To make it fun use colored pencils, crayons, markers, chalk, or paint!
- *Play with and use play-dough, scissors, clothespins, beads, and puzzles to increase fine motor skills. (fine motor skills help with writing, coloring, cutting, and more.)
- *Read stories to your child. Discuss story elements such as: character, setting, and beginning/middle/end. Draw pictures about these story elements.

