

KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECKLIST

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Elementary School Child Will Attend _____

Check what your child can do now:

- Talk and respond to others, listen, ask, and answer questions
- Listen to and enjoy stories and nursery rhymes
- Say or sing familiar songs and rhymes
- Name and describe objects, places, pictures, and events
- Use imagination to create own stories
- Use complete sentences
- Follow simple one-step directions
- Recognize words or signs he or she sees often
- Name some familiar letters
- Count to 10 or higher
- Count five objects by touching each one in turn
- Recognize some numbers
- Name the colors in a box of eight crayons
- Name the basic shapes: circle, triangle, square, and rectangle
- Match and sort by size, shape, and color
- Compare and describe objects and sounds all around telling the shape, size, color, texture, material, sound, or rate of movement
- Explore ways that one action causes another
- Express wants and needs using words rather than actions
- Seek and accept help when needed
- Adjust to new places and experiences
- Take care of belongings and materials at home, school, and other places
- Follow rules and routines
- Know first and last name
- Take care of toileting needs and wash hands
- Know street address
- Climb, balance on one foot, hop, jump, and run
- Throw, bounce, and catch a large ball
- Fill and empty cups or other containers with sand or water
- Create objects with play dough or clay by rolling, patting, and squeezing
- Build a tower with five blocks
- Use pencils, crayons, paint brushes, and markers for drawing on blank paper
- Try to write using pencils, crayons, and markers
- Cut paper with scissors
- Button, snap, and zip clothing

Checklist Completed By _____

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