

# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Dear K-4 Parents,

Kindergarten is just around the corner. Your child's teacher has been working on getting them ready for that new milestone. Here is a checklist from iParenting.com. This will give you an idea of what areas your child is doing well in, and where he or she may need some extra attention. They suggest to do the checklist working with your child in the areas he or she needs extra help. In a few weeks, do the checklist again to see how much your child has improved.

## Fine Motor Skills

1. Puts a 10 to 12 piece puzzle together
2. Holds scissors correctly
3. Holds a pencil or crayon properly

## Gross Motor Skills

1. Runs, jumps and skips
2. Walks backward
3. Walks up and down stairs

## Social Skills

1. Uses words instead of being physical when angry
2. Speaks clearly so an adult can understand him/her
3. Plays with other children
4. Follows simple directions
5. Expresses feelings and needs
6. Goes to the bathroom by him/herself
7. Waits his/her turn and shares
8. Talks in sentences
9. Asks questions about things around him/her
10. Enjoys having books read to him/her
11. Can tell a story about a past event
12. Says "please" and "thank you"
13. Can spend extended periods away from Mom and Dad

## Academic Skills

1. Recognizes shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)
2. Can sort items by color, shape and size
3. Can identify six parts of his/her body
4. Understands concept words such as up, down, in, out, behind, over
5. Counts from 1 to 10
6. Recognizes five colors
7. Tries to write his/her name
8. Recognizes his/her written name

## Personal Information

1. Knows his/her full name
2. Knows how old he/she is
3. Knows his/her address and telephone number
4. Knows his/her mother and father's first names