

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECKLIST

Your child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name he/she prefers to go by if different from legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

While there's no perfect formula for determining when children are truly ready for kindergarten, this guide may help you see how well your child is doing in acquiring the skills found on most kindergarten checklists. Please check the box beside the skills your child has mastered. Remember that if your child cannot do some of these skills this week, your child may be successful when he/she attempts the same skill a few weeks later.

- Listen to stories without interrupting
- Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
- Understand that actions have both causes and effects
- Cut with scissors
- Share with others
- Follow rules
- Control themselves
- Able to be separated from parent/guardian without trauma
- Speak understandably
- Talk in complete sentences
- Look at pictures and then tell stories about them
- Use bathroom facilities independently, including washing hands
- Button shirts, pants, coats, etc. and zip zippers, buckle & unbuckle belts
- Identify some alphabet letters
- Recognize some common sight words like "stop"
- Sort similar objects by color, size, and shape
- Count to ten

If your child has acquired most of the skills on this checklist and will be at least five years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, he or she is probably ready for kindergarten. Our Kindergarten teachers would like to see children who are healthy, mature, capable, willing and eager to learn.

Please check the boxes below that apply to your child:

- My child will be at least 5 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- My child has attended preschool
- My child's vaccinations are up-to-date, including 5 year immunizations
- My child has a medical condition or other special needs

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_