



Children learn many different skills in the following areas that will help them be prepared to succeed in kindergarten. Some of these skills include:

Language Development

- Answering questions about a story you've read together
- Taking two or more turns in a conversation
- Using words learned from stories, experiences and conversations
- Being understood by most people when speaking
- Using I, he, she, him, her, his, and hers correctly

Literacy Development

- Playing with sounds in words (rhyming, beginning sounds)
- Identifying 18 upper case and 15 lower case letters and some of the sounds they make
- Recognizing his or her own written name
- Looking at a book front to back and turns the pages one at a time
- Writing his or her first name beginning with a capital and finishing with lowercase

Mathematical Development:

- Counting out loud to 20
- Pointing to and using one number name for each object up to 10
- Identifying numbers 1-10
- Identifying basic shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle, diamond, oval)
- Creating a two part pattern (green, white, green, white)
- Sorting objects by something they have in common (color, size, shape etc.)

Physical Development

- Jumping with two feet
- Using a tripod grasp (thumb and two fingers) to write or draw a letter, numeral, or shape
- Using child size scissors

Social Development

- Trusting other adults and children
- Playing with, not just next to, other children
- Learning and participating in a group

Emotional Development

- Separating from primary caregiver for an extended period of time
- Taking care of his or her own needs (i.e. wiping after toileting, washing hands)
- Controlling the expression of his or her feelings
- Being aware of their own and others' personal space

Approaches to Learning

- Showing curiosity and motivation to learn new things
- Spending 10-15 minutes work on independent tasks
- Focusing and concentrating on an activity for 10-15 minutes (i.e. listening to story)
- Remembering and connecting experiences with environment (grocery store, library)
- Following two step directions and remembering simple routines
- Sticking with and solving simple problems (i.e. putting together a puzzle)