

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS

## alphabet

	recites alphabet
	identifies uppercase letters
	identifies lowercase letters
	matches uppercase to lowercase

## writing

	traces letters and numbers
	writes some letters
	experiments with a variety of writing tools and materials
	writes first name
	draws pictures or scribbles to communicate ideas
	copies simple and complex shapes (line, circle, square)
	initiates the act of writing

## reading readiness

	listens to read aloud stories
	shows interest in reading-related activities
	recognizes that pictures or print carry messages
	understands left to right movement of reading
	identifies front and back of books
	holds book correctly
	retells information from a story
	predicts what will happen next in the story
	sequences 3 pictures to tell a story
	matches rhyming pictures

## listening skills

	understands directions
	follows 2-step directions

## verbal skills

	speaks in sentences
	initiates conversations with peers
	uses appropriate volume when speaking
	can express and describe feelings
	participates in conversations during group activities
	answers a variety of questions (yes, no, what, who, where)

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## math

	sorts by color, shape and size
	orders several objects based on 1 attribute
	recognizes simple patterns and can duplicate them
	counts to 20
	counts objects with meaning to 10
	recognizes numerals 0-10
	uses one-to-one correspondence while counting
	identifies 4 shapes: circle, square, triangle, & rectangle
	understands directional concepts (up/down, right/left, over/under)
	understands comparative words (big/little, short/long, slow/fast)
	identifies 11 colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, black, white, brown, gray

## gross motor skills

	runs
	skips
	hops
	gallops
	leaps
	jumps
	pedals and steers tricycle
	climbs playground ladder
	throws a ball with direction
	catches a thrown ball with arms and body
	bounces a ball

## fine motor skills

	stacks 10 one-inch blocks
	buttons
	strings beads
	zips
	snaps
	laces
	grasps pencil correctly
	uses scissors
	uses glue neatly
	completes a simple puzzle
	uses tweezers
	makes a pancake, snake, and ball from play dough
	copies: lines, circle, cross, square, V, triangle

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## art

	explores different art materials
	draws lines and shapes
	interprets pictures

## music

	participates in group music experiences
	plays simple instruments
	moves rhythmically to music (dances)
	sings

## drama

	make believes with objects
	takes on pretend roles and uses dramatic play

## self knowledge

	states age and birthday
	recites first and last name
	knows address
	recites phone number

## health

	brushes teeth independently
	washes hands correctly
	dresses for the weather
	follows proper bathroom procedures
	able to put shoes & coat on
	distinguishes healthy vs. non-healthy foods

## social skills

	plays well with others
	takes turns and shares
	cleans up after playing
	participates in group activities
	interacts with familiar adults
	considerate of other people's feelings
	respects items belonging to others
	listens when others speak
	seeks adult help during conflicts
	uses manners
	follows rules & routines
	expresses self with words, rather than acting out