

Kindergarten Entry Skills Checklist

A child ready to learn on day one of kindergarten is a child more likely to graduate high school. Having certain school skills by the first day of Kindergarten increases the likelihood of financial independence later in life. The list of skills below was created by Kindergarten teachers to ensure their students are ready to learn on day one.

Successful School Skills:

- Communicates needs and thoughts
- Follows rules and routines
- Follows directions (sits quietly, knows the meaning of "no")
- Appropriately talks and communicates with others
- Controls feelings and behaviors (emotions)
- Holds pencil correctly

Math:

- Recognizes numbers 0 to 9
- Can touch and count up to 9 objects
- Can count 0 to 9
- Recognizes basic shapes - circle, triangle, rectangle, square

Self Help Skills:

- Can dress and undress self independently
- Is toilet trained
 - Zipping and buttoning
 - Appropriate use of toilet paper
 - Wash hands
 - Flushing

Literacy:

- Book handling
 - Left to right: top to bottom
 - Understands how to hold a book correctly and turn the pages
- Recognition of letters by name (a-b-c)
- Knows how to respond using at least 3 words
- Recognizes their name
- Can write their first name
- Listens to a complete story