

Community Preschool

Kindergarten readiness:

Below is a list of the basic skills that children need to have to be successful in a kindergarten program. Remember that children are 1 of 20 students with 1 teacher. Children must be very independent and able to take care of their own needs with little assistance. The academic component is the focus of kindergarten. Social emotional, problem solving skills and behavior are absolutely necessary prior to academic skills as children will have ample time continue to practice their abcs and 123s.

- Getting dressed head to toe buckle, tie, snap, zip, button
- Putting jacket on and off and zipping
- Take shoes and socks on and off independently
- Using the bathroom and wiping and washing hands without reminders
- Keeping track of all personal items
- Opening all lunchbox items and eat neatly
- Blow and wipe nose independently
- Sitting and pay attention for 30 min
- Make it through the day without a nap
- Keeping hands and feet to themselves
- Separate from parent
- Solve conflicts without aggression
- Listen to and follow directions of adult
- Use words to get needs met
- Appropriate response to disappointment/correction
- Understand the basics of a story beginning/middle/end
- Concepts of print
- Use scissors correctly and accurately
- Pincer grasp on small pencil
- Count to 20
- Recognize numbers 1-10
- Basic knowledge of alphabet
- Write name legibly and recognize
- Follow 3 step directions without reminder
- Strong oral conversation skills
 - Can answer and ask open-ended questions. Who, what, when, where, why, how relevant to the topic at hand