

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Checklist · 30 items · 7 sections

A complete checklist of academic, social, emotional, and self-care skills that help children succeed in kindergarten. Use this to prepare your child and know what to practice.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/kindergarten-readiness-checklist>

LITERACY SKILLS

- Recognizes and names all 26 uppercase and lowercase letters
HIGH
- Knows the sounds most letters make
HIGH
- Can write their first name (using proper capitalization)
HIGH
- Can recognize their written name
HIGH
- Understands that print goes left-to-right and top-to-bottom
- Can identify rhyming words (cat/hat, dog/log)

MATH SKILLS

- Counts to 20 (or higher)
HIGH
- Counts objects 1-10 (understanding that last number said = total count)
HIGH
- Recognizes written numbers 0-10
HIGH
- Can sort objects by color, shape, or size
- Understands basic concepts: more/less, big/small, tall/short

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Can follow 2-3 step directions
HIGH
- Speaks in full sentences (4-6 words)
HIGH

HIGH

- Can tell a simple story or describe a picture
- Understands and uses positional words (on, under, next to, behind)

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Can share and take turns with other children
HIGH
- Can separate from parent without extended distress
HIGH
Some separation anxiety is normal: concern is if distress lasts more than 20-30 minutes daily
- Can sit and listen for 10-15 minutes during a story or activity
HIGH
- Can use words to express needs and feelings
HIGH
- Can play cooperatively with other children

SELF-CARE SKILLS

- Can use the toilet independently (including wiping and handwashing)
HIGH
- Can wash hands with soap independently
HIGH
- Can manage own clothing: put on and remove shoes, zip/button with help
HIGH
- Can open lunch containers and manage a backpack independently
- Knows full name, age, and parents' first names
HIGH

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Can hold and use a pencil or crayon correctly
- Can use scissors to cut on a line

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Completed required immunizations for school enrollment
HIGH
- School registration and enrollment completed
HIGH
- Attended kindergarten orientation or visited classroom before first day