

Summer Learning Preparedness

Readiness Tips for Kindergarten





KINDERGARTEN READINESS ACADEMY

SKILLS and CONCEPTS and KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Many parents ask what their child needs to know to begin Kindergarten ready to learn. The following list of skills and concepts will help you as you prepare your child. Ask yourself "Does my child know how to...."

- _____ 1. Write his/her first name.
- _____ 2. Identify colors and shapes (square, triangle, rectangle, circle, red, blue, green, yellow, black, white).
- _____ 3. Understand simple questions and give you simple answers.
For example: "Do you want an apple?" "Yes, I want an apple."
- _____ 4. Follow simple one step directions such as: please close the door, or hang up your jacket, or sit down.
- _____ 5. Understand and follow all home rules of behavior.
- _____ 6. Play counting games to understand numbers and amount.
For example: count buttons on a shirt count keys on a chain
count people in line

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Essential Skills for Success in Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers recommend that children develop these skills to be ready for school:

- ♥ Ability to follow directions
- ♥ Ability to focus attention
- ♥ Ability to take turns
- ♥ Ability to control oneself
- ♥ Ability to solve problems with words rather than through aggression
- ♥ Ability to work independently
- ♥ Ability to work in a group
- ♥ Age-appropriate social skills and ability to make friends
- ♥ Skills communicating with other children and adults
- ♥ Ability to hold a pencil correctly
- ♥ Ability to use scissors correctly
- ♥ Have an awareness of alphabet letters
- ♥ Be able to sing the "ABC Song"
- ♥ Recognize and name all of the colors and read color words
- ♥ Ability to say, read, and write their first and last name

Basic skills and concepts that children learn in Kindergarten:

- ♥ Recognize and name the basic shapes –as solids and planes
- ♥ Ability to say, read, and write the letters of the alphabet in upper and lower case
- ♥ Ability to say the sound that corresponds with each letter

At Home Learning Experiences

- Listen to stories
- Paint or draw
- Practice counting objects
- Read “environmental print”
- Play with letters and sounds
- Practice cutting with scissors
- Help fold and sort laundry
- Play with rhyming books and games
- Listen and follow one-two step directions
- Look at pictures and then tell stories
- Practice buttoning shirts, pants, coats, zipping up zippers
- Play with blocks, puzzles, and simple word and card games
- Playing, hopping, skipping, jumping, bouncing a ball, ride a tricycle
- Learn to write your name using a capital at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters

Visit the Chino Hills Library

- Listen to stories
- Look at pictures and then tell stories
- Listen to rhyming books and practice rhyming
- Search in books for letters and name each letter sound
- Practice reading simple sight words
- Look for punctuation marks in sentences

James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

14020 City Center Drive

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Turn Grocery Shopping into a Learning Experience

Label Items

“This is milk. Milk starts with the letter M. M sounds like mmmmmmm.” You try the sound.

Use Your Senses to Describe Food Items

“Hold this apple. Feel how smooth it is.” “These frozen vegetables are lumpy and cold.”

Count

“1, 2, 3 – I have three cans of beans.”

Recall

“Describe our trip to the store, or make up a story about a trip to the store.”

Prepare for the 1st Day of School!

- Register for Kindergarten
- Get school required immunizations
- Set your clocks for school schedules
- Eat breakfast at home before school
- Read together every day
- Practice tying shoes
- Prepare for the separation
- Practice saying goodbye to your child
- Check the school website for recommended supply list, and take the supplies to school on the first day of school.