

Check  the skills your child has learned.



“While there is no perfect formula that tells us when children are ready for kindergarten, you can use this list to see how well your child is doing learning the skills that will help them be ready to succeed.”

**-Lenawee County
Elementary Principals**



easing into
kindergarten

Recheck each month

to see what new skills your child can accomplish easily.

Kindergarten teachers recommend that parents/families:

- Be on time for school
- Keep your emergency card updated
- Check your child's backpack for notes
- Ask your child about their day
- Attend your parent teacher conference

Call for information about school readiness screenings



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Skills that help your child get a **Great Start** in school

Build your **child's** **skill set** before kindergarten



These skills do not
need to be
mastered
before
entering
Kindergarten.

Social-Emotional

- Follows routine
- Dresses self
- Brushes teeth
- Cares for own belongings
- Puts toys away
- Helps with family chores
- Talks easily
- Asks for help
- Expresses self verbally
- Joins in family conversations
- Recognizes authority
- Practices self-control and understands personal space
- Gets along well with others
- Uses bathroom independently/ uses a Kleenex independently
- Separates from parents
- Works independently
- Looks forward to going to school

Colors and Shapes

- Recognizes basic colors
- Recognizes basic shapes

Time

- Understands day and night
- Knows age and birthday

Motor Skills

- Runs
- Walks a straight line
- Jumps with both feet off ground
- Hops with one foot
- Stands on one foot for 10 seconds
- Claps hands
- Throws a ball
- Carries a plate of food
- Draws and cuts simple shapes
- Controls pencil and crayon
- Holds scissors correctly
- Pastes pictures on paper
- Builds with blocks
- Buttons clothes
- Zips clothes
- Completes a simple puzzle
- Draws/colors beyond a simple scribble

Numbers

- Counts to 10
- Counts objects to 10
- Recognizes some written numbers

Comparisons

- Big and Little
- Short and Tall
- Heavy and Light

Reading Readiness

- Pretends to read
- Looks at pictures and tells a story
- Understands words are read from left to right
- Retells simple story in sequence
- Recognizes own first name in writing
- Prints own first name
- Familiar with the letters and sounds in their name
- Knows difference between a letter and a number
- Knows some nursery rhymes

Listening and Sequencing

- Pays attention
- Sits still during story
- Follows simple verbal directions

Knowledge

- Basic body parts
- Own first and last name
- Parents' names
- Home address
- Home telephone number