

Kindergarten Readiness



Kindergarten is a child's first **significant** educational **transition** from toddler **exploration** to school-age **expectations**.



IT IS A BITTERSWEET, **EMOTIONAL** EVENT FOR BOTH PARENT & CHILD.

It comes with significant changes - no naps, more structure, more expectations, and letting go of your 5-year-old can be hard.



HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS **READY** TO MAKE THE LEAP?



Even students who have attended preschool may not be used to a structured academic setting. The step up can be intimidating.

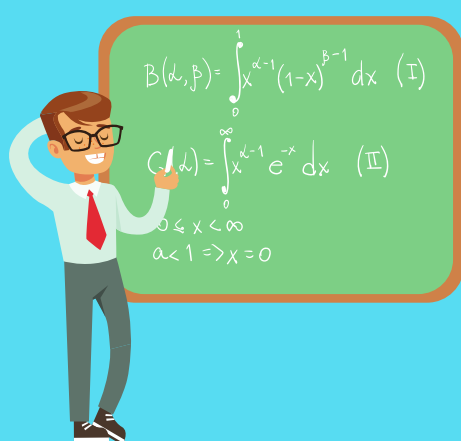
KINDER READINESS IS MORE THAN **ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS**.

A child's early experiences, beginning long before school entry, play a role in kindergarten preparation. Social and emotional skills are at least as important as early cognitive skills.



KNOWING WHAT AREAS TO **ASSESS** IS IMPORTANT, TOO!

To ensure that all children grow and learn, data must be intentionally gathered. Age-appropriate assessments guide instruction and help determine if appropriate benchmarks are being met.



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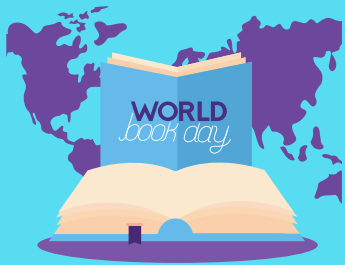
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Elements of Readiness



LANGUAGE & LITERACY



- Engages in conversation
- Recognizes and names upper and lowercase letters
- Understands that print conveys a message
- Knows how to handle books
- Associates letters with their sounds and blends sounds
- Able to read and write simple sentences

COGNITIVE & MATH

- Sorts and classifies objects
- Measures using various measuring tools
- Recognizes and names shapes
- Knows one-to-one correspondence, up, down, etc.
- Able to perform simple addition & subtraction operations
- Counts 1 to 20 without skipping numbers



PHYSICAL HEALTH & MOTOR SKILLS



- Show balance and coordination
- Manipulates smaller objects
- Practices personal care routines
- Practices safety skills
- Identifies healthy and unhealthy foods

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- Develop friendships
- Knows how to take turns, share, negotiate, etc.
- Can express emotions, respect & courtesy
- Trusts/interacts with adults
- Shows belief in their abilities and has a sense of accomplishment



SCIENCE, CREATIVE ART, AND SOCIAL STUDIES



- Shows curiosity, raises questions, make predictions
- Knows the difference between living & non-living things
- Collects and records data
- Explores musical instruments
- Engages in imitation and acting
- Uses a variety of media and materials to create art

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Show curiosity to learn
- Shows persistence
- Shows ability to concentrate
- Shows flexibility, inventiveness
- Independent Learner

