

PRESCHOOL SKILLS CHECKLIST

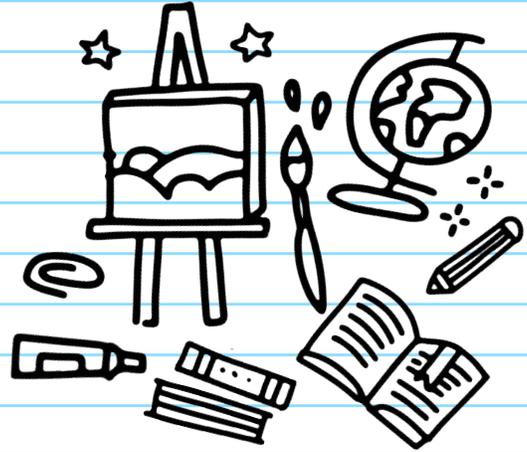
Before entering kindergarten, children should be able to complete the tasks listed below.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Can name and recognize five colors.
- Can name and recognize at least 10 letters.
- Can recognize own first name in print.
- Matches letters to the sound they make.
- Recognizes rhyming words.
- Can write all or most of the letters in own first name.
- Recognizes common words and signs.
- Understands descriptive words (ie big, little, etc.)
- Can draw pictures to tell a story.
- Clearly verbalizes a story or own experiences.
- Follows two-step directions.
- Can answer who, what, when, where questions.
- Asks questions about how things work.
- Starts and joins in conversations.
- Recites common nursery rhymes.
- Shows interest in reading and being able to read.
- Holds and looks at a book correctly.
- Makes inferences about the plot of a story from the cover.
- Can retell a simple story.
- Makes predictions about a story.
- Speaks clearly and listens appropriately.

MATH

- Can order three things in a sequence.
- Can repeat a simple pattern.
- Matches two like things.
- Sorts objects by shape, color, and size.
- Matches items that go together.
- Counts from 1-10.
- Orders numbers from 1-10.
- Identifies numbers from 1-10.
- Uses objects to demonstrate greater than and less than.
- Understands the amount a number represents.
- Adds and subtracts simple objects.
- Can draw a line, circle, rectangle, triangle, plus sign.



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- Starts positive interactions with others.
- Takes turns, shares, plays with others.
- Resolves conflicts with peers appropriately.
- Expresses feelings appropriately.
- Responds appropriately to own and others' feelings.
- Says "please," "thank you," and express feelings in words.
- Tries to complete tasks.
- Holds writing instruments with control.
- Cuts with scissors with control.
- Can recite name, address, phone number.
- Knows how old he or she is.
- Can use the bathroom, wash hands, get dressed, and put on shoes without assistance.
- Is able to adapt to new situations.
- Can run, jump, hop, throw, catch, and bounce a ball.

These lists were compiled from various resources including National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Understood.org, and the United Way.

