

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Speech Skills	Gross Motor Skills	Math
Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues	Runs (with good stance)	Sorts by color, shape, and size
Speaks in sentences	Stops	Orders several objects based on 1 attribute
Uses appropriate volume when speaking	Hops (on both feet and one foot)	Recognizes simple patterns and can duplicate them
Can express and describe feelings	Gallops	Counts to 20
	Leaps	Counts objects with meaning to 10
Listening Skills	Jumps	Matches numerals
Listens with understanding of directions	Somersaults - advanced skill	Identifies 4 shapes: circle, square, triangle, and rectangle
Follows 1-step & 2-step directions	Pedals and steers a tricycle	Demonstrates understanding of directional concepts (up/down, right/left, over/under)
	Climbs a playground ladder	Shows understanding of and uses comparative words (longer, shorter, smaller)
Reading Readiness	Throws a ball with direction	
Listens well to read aloud stories	Catches a foam ball with arms and body	Color Skills
Shows interest in reading-related activities	Bounces a ball	Identifies 10 colors: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink
Understands left to right movement of reading		Explains differences of materials
Retells information from a story	Fine Motor Skills	Draws lines and shapes
Recognizes 3 pictures to tell a story	Sticks 10 and 100 blocks	Interprets pictures
Uses imagination	Buttons	
	String beads	Music and Movement
Alphabet	Zips	Participates in group music experiences
Recognizes the alphabet	Snaps	Participates in creative movement/dance
Identifies uppercase & lowercase letters	Laces	Plays simple instruments
Matches uppercase letters to lowercase letters	Grips crayon and pencil correctly	Moves rhythmically to music (dances)
Identifies the sounds each letter makes	Completes a simple puzzle (1+ pieces)	Sings
	Good scissor skills	
Writing	Uses glue neatly	Creative Drama
Writes first name	Uses scissors	Makes believe with objects
Traces letters and numbers	Completes a pattern	Takes on pretend roles and situations
Writes a few letters without tracing	Makes a pencil, eraser, and ball from play dough	
Uses pictures to communicate ideas	Copies: vertical line, horizontal line, circle, cross, square, X, triangle	
Uses pictures to write words or ideas		