



# School Ready CHECKLIST

Kindergarten marks the first of many important milestones in your child's learning journey. Help create a positive "I Can" experience by ensuring your child has developed age-appropriate skills. While every child has unique strengths, these areas of development are considered key building blocks for more advanced learning.



## Physical Development

- ✓ Shows strength and stamina for extended periods of time both indoors and outdoors.
- ✓ Performs complex movements smoothly, such as skipping and balancing.
- ✓ Shows awareness of their body in relation to others and objects while moving through space.
- ✓ Engages in complex hand-eye coordination, like using scissors.
- ✓ Demonstrates fine motor strength
- ✓ Avoids potentially dangerous behaviors.

## Language and Literacy Development

- ✓ Participates in conversations with adults and peers.
- ✓ Communicates thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.
- ✓ Shows interest in books and print materials.
- ✓ Demonstrates understanding of age-appropriate vocabulary, accesses many topics and demonstrates a wide variety of words and their meaning with each area.
- ✓ Recognizes many letters and some letter sounds.
- ✓ Represents thoughts and ideas in drawings and by writing letters and letter-like forms.

## Cognitive Development

- ✓ Follows multi-step instructions.
- ✓ Names basic shapes and uses measurement language.
- ✓ Reads graphs, charts, and predicts the number of objects in a jar.
- ✓ Uses tools like tweezers or a magnifying glass to support their exploration.
- ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of cause and effect and how things work.
- ✓ Engages in dramatic play.

## Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Recognizes and respond appropriately to the needs and feelings of others.
- ✓ Seeks out trusted teachers as needed for support.
- ✓ Forms positive relationships with teachers and peers over time.
- ✓ Demonstrates social skills when interacting with other children.
- ✓ Follows social rules, transitions, and routines that have been explained.
- ✓ Shows awareness that their behavior can affect the feelings of others.

## Attitude and Mindset Development

- ✓ Shows an interest in mastering new skills.
- ✓ Asks questions to find out more about the things that interest them.
- ✓ Uses what they know from past experiences to understand what is happening now.
- ✓ Expresses a belief that they can do things that are hard.
- ✓ Approaches new experiences independently.
- ✓ Solves some problems independently.