

Checklist for Kindergarten Readiness

Physical and Motor Development

- Grip a pencil, crayon, and scissors
- Use scissors, glue, and paint
- Trace a line or a simple shape
- Tie shoes
- Bounce and kick a ball
- Stand on one foot
- Throw and catch a medium – sized ball
- Dress oneself (coat, zippers, buttons and snaps)
- Put shoes on and off
- Climb stairs with alternating feet
- Have a dominant hand and foot

Social and Emotional Development

- Share and take turns with others
- Play independently for 15 minutes
- Manage own bathroom needs
- Wash and dry hands
- Follow one-step and two-step directions
- Follow rules and accept consequences
- Separate from parents for a few hours without emotional trauma

Approaches to Learning

- Sit still and pay attention for a short period of time
- Show interest in books and reading
- Listen to an age-appropriate story without interrupting
- Make simple choices
- Finish a task before starting another
- Ask questions about things around them
- Understand the differences between real and make believe
- Speak comfortably with other children and adults
- Show respect to others

Language Development

- Identify some letters of the alphabet
- Know some letters sounds
- Write first name with uppercase and lowercase letters
- Speak in complete sentences
- Speak in manner adults can understand
- Wait turn to speak
- Recite full name, address, telephone number, and birthday
- Recognize printed name by sight
- Retell a simple story

Cognitive Development

- Count to 10
- Know basic colors (red, blue, yellow, and green, orange, black)
- Understand basic concepts of time (morning, afternoon, and evening)
- Identify missing parts in pictures

Understanding our Faith

- Kneel and bless themselves
- Say prayers such as the Our Father and Hail Mary
- Sit quietly in church

Office Requirements for Kindergarten:

- Make an appointment with your child's doctor
- Make sure their immunizations are up to date and submit to school
- Visit the dentist
- Locate your child's birth certificate and submit to school
- Locate baptismal certificate and submit to school