

Summer Readiness Checklist for Rising Kindergarteners

Help your child get ready for Kindergarten by practicing these important skills over the summer!

Literacy

- Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters
 - Identify beginning letter sounds
 - Recognize and write their first name and begin to practice printing last name
 - Hold a book correctly and turn pages
 - Listen to and retell simple stories
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Math

- Count aloud to at least 20
 - Recognize numbers 0–10 (work toward 0–20)
 - Point and count objects one-by-one
 - Identify basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
 - Compare sizes (big/small, long/short, more/less)
 - Practice recognizing left/right hand-positions
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Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil or crayon properly
 - Cut simple shapes with child-safe scissors
 - Color within lines
 - Trace letters, numbers, and simple shapes
 - Draw basic pictures (like a person with arms, legs, face)
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Gross Motor Skills

- Run, jump, hop, and skip
 - Catch, throw, and kick a ball
 - Balance on one foot
 - Climb safely on playground equipment
 - Begin to walk safely on steps with alternating feet
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Self-Help and Independence

- Put on and take off jacket independently
 - Practice fixing sleeves that are inside out
 - Use the bathroom without help (and wash hands)
 - Open and close lunch containers and snack bags
 - Follow simple directions
 - Practice buttoning school pants and buckling belt
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Social and Emotional Skills

- Share and take turns with others
 - Use words to express needs and feelings
 - Show respect and kindness to others, and use good speaking manners
 - Practice patience and waiting quietly
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Language and Communication

- Speak in complete sentences
 - Recite your full name/Begin to learn your parent/guardians names
 - Answer simple questions about stories or events
 - Ask for help when needed
 - Follow two- or three-step directions
 - Practice listening without interrupting
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Daily Practice Tip:

Just 15–20 minutes a day of practice can make a big difference and help your child feel confident and excited for Kindergarten!