



READY. SET. KINDERGARTEN!

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

While every child develops at their own pace, there are some things to consider when preparing for the formal K-12 school environment. This kindergarten readiness checklist can help you identify which areas your child has mastered and where they can use some additional supports. No single factor or indicator signifies that your child is all the way ready to start kindergarten, but there are things you can do with your child to prepare them for what is to come in kindergarten when they do start. **Remember to keep it fun!**

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Follows simple directions and safety rules
- Asks for help when needed
- Remembers to say "please" and "thank you"
- Follows a routine and schedule for bedtime, eating meals, and personal hygiene
- Has good hygiene and table manners
- Responds appropriately to feelings and can properly articulate feelings into words
- Demonstrates self-control
- Adjusts to new situations without a parent being present
- Can use the bathroom, wash hands, and get dressed without help
- Takes responsibility for belongings
- Takes turns and shares with other children
- Participates in cleaning up
- Attempts new tasks
- Tries to stay with an activity to completion
- Respects the rights, property, and feelings of others
- Offers to help peers and family

READING & WRITING SKILLS

- Enjoys listening to stories and looks at books alone
- Likes to retell stories
- Recognizes familiar signs and labels
- Recites the alphabet and identifies most letters
- Recognizes both uppercase and lowercase letters
- Blends sounds into words
- Recognizes some common words in print
- Understands rhyming words
- Puts the events of a story in order
- Attempts to write own name and recognizes it in print
- Tries to write, scribble, or draw

MOTOR SKILLS

- Puts together a simple puzzle
- Uses scissors
- Holds and uses crayons, markers, and pencils
- Builds with blocks
- Engages in outdoor activities such as running, jumping, and climbing
- Bounces a ball and tries to catch it

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Uses sentences that include two or more ideas
- Understands two-step oral directions
- Make comparisons and describes relationships between objects (big/little, under/over, and first/last)
- Can tell and retell stories or everyday experiences
- Asks questions

MATH SKILLS

- Counts to 20
- Knows written numbers 1-10
- Understands the effects of addition and subtraction
- Identifies and tries to draw common shapes including square, circle, and triangle
- Arranges objects in size order (big-to-small or small-to-big)
- Describes the order of objects (first, next)
- Sorts, counts, and compares quantities

With just a little practice, your child will be prepared for their elementary school debut. We can't wait to welcome your child into our **Pflugerville ISD Pfamily!**