

Kindergarten Readiness

At the beginning of the Kindergarten year, it is appropriate and to your child's advantage if they can do the following:

- * Write their first name with the first letter capital and all others lower case.
- * Count to 20.
- * Recite the alphabet (sing the alphabet song).
- * Name the basic 8 colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black).
- * Tie their own shoes.
- * Manage self-help skills: zipping, snapping, buckling and buttoning.
- * Take care of their own bathroom needs.
- * Wash their hands properly.

Throughout the Kindergarten year, we'll work hard at having your child master the following:

- * Recognizing numbers to 20 and counting to 100.
- * Recognizing circles, squares, triangles and rectangles.
- * Recognizing all capital and lower case letters.
- * Producing all letter sounds: vowels and consonants.
- * Recognizing basic sight words from the Reading curriculum.
- * Printing the alphabet.
- * Learning their address, phone number and birth date.
- * Practicing pencil skills, coloring and using scissors.

These skills are important for success in First Grade and will be assessed on the Kindergarten Progress Report.