

IMPORTANT SKILLS TO HAVE BEFORE ENTERING

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is much more academic than it used to be. The first 3 weeks we review all letters and sounds. To help your child be ready for kindergarten, we suggest the following:

ACADEMIC SKILLS - A child should:

- Know his/her first name- recognize it, read it, write it and identify the letters in it
- Know how to say last name
- Be able to name all letters and sounds
- Be able to identify numbers to 10
- Be able to name shapes and colors
- Be able to use a pencil, scissors, crayons, glue
- Be able to complete a simple task in the time assigned

LISTENING & SPEAKING SKILLS - A child should be able to:

- Attentively listen to a 10-minute story without disturbing others
- Make eye contact with the speaker
- Listen to another without interrupting
- Use appropriate voice volume (speak softly indoors)
- Communicate personal needs (i.e. tell the teacher when he/she needs to use the restroom); express his/her feelings or emotions politely; express ideas; use appropriate greeting
- Follow simple directions (i.e. put backpack away and go sit on the rug; go to the bathroom and wash your hands)

SOCIAL SKILLS - A child should be able to:

- Take turns and share with others
- Keep hands and feet to oneself
- Use kind words with others
- Use good manners, say "please," "thank you," "excuse me," etc.
- Be respectful to adults by following classroom and playground rules
- Independently use the restroom and wash his/her hands, snap/zip/button pants
- Say good-bye to parent when dropped off at school