

# Kindergarten Skills



*The education of children is a joint partnership between home and school. It is to your child's advantage to have the skills listed below prior to entering kindergarten. However, if your child is not yet familiar with these skills, it is not too late! You can help your child discover the success and enjoyment of learning as you promote the following skills.*

The following age appropriate kindergarten skills are keys to building a strong foundation for kindergarten learning:

## **Communication & Social Skills**

- Shows an interest and excitement about learning
- Plays cooperatively and takes turns with other children
- Communicates needs and ideas to others
- Speech is easily understood by others and talks in complete sentences

## **Self-Care and Motor Skills**

- Takes care of self and possessions
- Independent when dressing and undressing; can put on/take off coat, button and zip, etc.
- Holds a pencil appropriately and uses it with control to write
- Cuts with scissors

## **Cognitive Development**

- Is able to follow two-three step directions
- Pays attention; Is able to listen and focus on someone else
- Remembers home address & phone number
- Completes interlocking puzzles

## **Early Literacy Skills**

- Looks at books and pretends to read
- Uses a variety of writing tools to write
- Prints first and last name
- Recognizes some alphabet letters & associated sounds
- Can talk about a story you have read together, identifying key details

## **Early Math Skills**

- Can draw and identify shapes
- Can recognize and name colors
- Counts to 31 and beyond
- Begins to write some numbers