

Kindergarten readiness checklist

Child _____

Date _____

Self-care and independence

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Uses the toilet independently and washes hands			
Puts on coat and shoes (fastening may still need help)			
Opens lunch containers and packets			
Blows nose and covers coughs			
Knows first and last name			

Social and emotional

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Separates from a parent without long distress			
Takes turns and shares with some reminders			
Follows two-step directions			
Can name basic feelings			
Asks an adult for help			

Language and listening

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Speaks in full sentences others can understand			
Listens to a short story and answers questions			
Retells a simple story or event			
Knows some nursery rhymes or songs			

Early literacy

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Recognises some letters, especially in their name			
Holds a book the right way and turns pages			
Notices some rhyming words			
Tries to write their name			

Early math

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Counts to 10 (or more)			
Recognises numbers 1–5			
Knows basic shapes and colours			
Sorts objects by size or type			

Fine and gross motor

Skill	Yes	Emerging	Not yet
Holds a crayon or pencil with fingers, not a fist			
Uses child-safe scissors			
Draws simple shapes and a person			
Runs, jumps and climbs with confidence			
Catches a large ball			

Notes