

# IT'S TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for families. There are many skills that will help your child be well prepared for Kindergarten. These include self help, fine motor, social and academic skills. Kindergarten expectations have changed a lot over the years. By the end of Kindergarten, students will be reading, writing sentences and solving addition and subtraction problems. Below are some skills to best set your child up for success. Most importantly, we hope you help us foster a love of learning within your child.


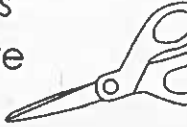
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## Self-Help Skills

- Use the bathroom independently
- Put on and zip up coat
- Open and close snack containers independently
- Recognize his/her first name

## Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil correctly 
- Write first name
- Use scissors to cut basic shapes
- Trace lines and shapes
- Color or draw a picture 
- Use a glue stick

## Social Skills

- Complete 2-step directions
- Sit and listen to someone read a story for 5-10 minutes
- Play a game and accept losing
- Wait patiently
- Control emotions without tantrums
- Interact appropriately with peers and adults

## Academic Skills

- Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0 - 10
- Recognize and write some lower and uppercase letters
- Produce some letter sounds
- Follow direction from adults

