

Social Skills in Kindergarten



Skills

- Share and take turns
- Wait and listen while others talk
- Work well independently and in small groups
- Play cooperatively with others
- Reasonably manage emotions
- Ask questions and seek help when needed
- Willing to try new things
- Follow simple directions
- Can tell an adult their own first and last name
- Can name at least one adult caregiver (parent, grandparent, etc) by first and last name

Things to do at home

Provide opportunities to play and socialize with other children and adults.

Talk with your child about their emotions. Give your child strategies for what they can do to be in charge of their emotions.

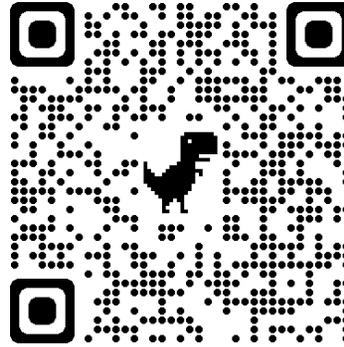
Praise your child's curiosity! Encourage them to ask questions, share their thoughts, and ideas.



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Preparing for Kindergarten

Help your child get ready for kindergarten. Here you will find some information about the skills your child will work on in kindergarten as well as how you can help develop these skills at home now.

Literacy in Kindergarten



● Skills

- Speak in complete sentences
- Recognize all upper/lowercase letters of the alphabet
- Recognize all letter sounds
- Identify the first sound in words
- Recognize and use rhyming words
- Listen attentively to a story
- Retell a story after hearing it
- Recognize high frequency words (words that often appear in books for beginning readers; ex- I, see, like, the, a, etc.)
- Write first and last name legibly (ex-Susie Smith)
- Beginning writing skills

● Things to do at home

Read to your child

Reading aloud to your child is the best thing you can do to help build their literacy skills.

Talk about letter sounds

"That word starts with the same sound as your name. Can you think of any other words that start with that sound?"

"That sign says STOP! The first letter is "s", it makes the "sss" sound: "ssstop"."



Math in Kindergarten

$$2+2=4$$

● Skills

- Count objects by touching one object at a time
- Recognize and create groups of 2, 3, 4, or 5 objects
- Sort similar items (blue toys and red toys)
- Use comparative words (more/less, bigger/smaller, longer/shorter)
- Count out loud to 100
- Write numbers up to 20
- Putting together and taking apart (I have 2 bears and I get 3 more bears. Now I have 5 bears!)

● Things to do at home

Look for counting opportunities

Encourage your child to count objects like pieces of cereal, people in their family, stoplights on the drive to the store, etc.

Play Games

Play board games that require moving a number of spaces, such as *Candyland*.

Play card games that deal with numbers, such as *Go Fish*.

Play games in which your child counts out loud, such as *Hide and Seek*.

Do Puzzles

Puzzles are a great way for your child to develop spatial recognition and problem solving skills.