

What Your Child Should Know

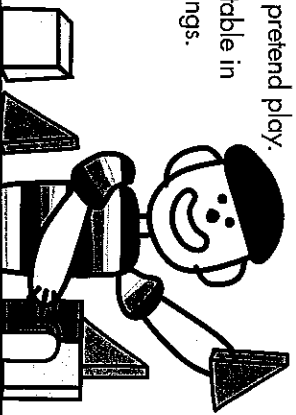
Is your child entering
preschool to 5th grade?



Use these checklists to make
sure your child is ready!

What Your Child Should Know When Entering Preschool

- State his or her name, age and birthday.
- Identify some colors and shapes.
- Count from 1 to 5.
- Understand the concept of "same" and "different."
- Recognize some letters.
- Tell stories.
- Express thoughts and needs verbally, with a growing vocabulary.
- Follow simple instructions (e.g., "Please put your lunch box on the shelf").
- Sit still while listening to a story.
- Dress himself or herself.
- Use child-sized scissors.
- Kick and throw a ball.
- Play with other children and share toys.
- Engage in pretend play.
- Be comfortable in group settings.



Recommended Products

- Storybooks
- Dress-up clothes
- Color and shape puzzles
- Balls
- Art supplies and scissors
- Alphabet books
- Blocks
- Learning-to-dress toys
- Dolls and puppets
- Kitchen playsets

What Your Child Should Know When Entering Kindergarten

- Recall his or her first and last name and the names of family members.
- Recognize and name the following colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black and white.
- Recognize and name the following simple shapes: square, triangle, circle, rectangle and oval.
- Recognize and name numbers from 1 to 10.
- Count from 1 to 10.
- Understand the use of ordinal numbers (i.e., first, second, third).
- Recognize and name most upper- and lowercase letters.
- Identify parts of his or her body, and basic articles of clothing (e.g., hat, shoes, shirt).
- Identify familiar buildings (e.g., school, store, hospital).
- Understand general time concepts (e.g., yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week).
- Follow simple two-step directions.

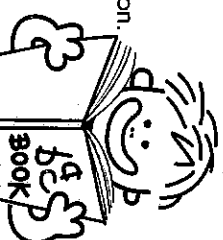


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- Alphabet puzzles
- Magnetic or foam letters
- Alphabet books
- Alphabet games
- Alphabet stamps and stamp pad
- Number and counting puzzles
- Number stamps and stamp pad
- Color books
- Color games

What Your Child Should Know When Entering 1st Grade

- Count by ones, fives and tens to 100.
- Understand the use of one-to-one correspondence in counting (i.e., counting one object per number).
- Recall simple addition and subtraction facts with answers up to 10.
- Understand that clocks are used to measure the passing of time.
- Identify and write upper- and lowercase letters from A to Z.
- Identify letter sounds from A to Z.
- Understand that letters can be combined to make different sounds.
- Recognize at least 20 sight-words.
- Summarize or retell a story that you have read to him or her.
- Write his or her first and last name.
- Name the days of the week and months of the year.
- Follow classroom rules and take turns.
- Correctly hold a pencil or crayon.
- Cut with scissors along a straight line.



Recommended Products

- Alphabet books
- Magnetic or foam letters
- Letter stamps and stamp pad
- Printing practice cards
- Sight-word flash cards
- Writing paper and pencils
- Math counters and counting boxes
- Counting games
- Number stamps and stamp pad
- Read-along sets (books with recordings that narrate the story)