

You're on your way to First

The information provided below is designed to help you make sure that your child has the skills to be ready for first grade.

You bet I'm ready for First Grade!

Personal Needs Without Help: Can they...

- ☐ Put on and take off coat/shoes?
- ☐ Tie their own shoes?
- ☐ Open packets and containers for lunch?
- ☐ State their birthday?
- ☐ State their address and phone number?

Social Skills: Can they ...

- ☐ Accept responsibility for their choices/actions?
- ☐ Cooperate with other children?
- ☐ Work independently?
- ☐ Follow multi-step directions?
- ☐ Problem solve for basic problems/situations?

ELA Skills: Can they...

- ☐ Tell and retell familiar stories?
- ☐ Recognize/Write all upper and lower case letters?
- ☐ Produce the sounds that letters make?
- ☐ Write their first name and last name correctly (e.g., M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T)?
- ☐ Read basic sight words?
- ☐ Write 1-3 sentences with a capital, spacing between words and punctuation at the end?
- ☐ Blend and segment one syllable words (e.g., c-a-t, cat)?

Math Skills: Can they...

- ☐ Identify colors, shapes (2D and 3D) and sizes?
- ☐ Count to 100 by 1's and 10's?
- ☐ Write numbers up to 20?
- ☐ Count objects up to 20 and know the last number said is the number of objects?
- ☐ Add and subtract numbers within 10?
- ☐ Identify which group has more/less?
- ☐ Describe the position of items (above, below, next to, beside, behind, in front of)?
- ☐ Compose and decompose numbers within 20 (e.g., 19 is 10 and 9)?

Additional Information

Summer Slide

- Children lose 2-3 months of academic knowledge during the summer.
- To help with the summer slide, have your child work on ELA and math skills at least 1 hour daily.
- Go to the library and check out books or read while there.
- Limit screen time (computer, tablet, phone, video games).
- Take a walk. On the walk count objects, notice shapes, and just talk with your child.

Educational Websites

- Starfall.com
- Abcya.com
- Teachyourmonstertoread.com

