

# Kindergarten?

Is your child ready for Kindergarten?

While there is no perfect formula that determines when children are truly ready for Kindergarten, you can go over the list below to see which skills your child has already mastered or are on their way to mastering by the time they reach Kindergarten. Here at the WECF program, our job is to prepare all students for success, but it's also important to remember that all students learn differently and at different levels. The most important trait is that they are showing marked improvement, a willingness to learn, and enjoyment of their school experience!

- Listen to stories without being interrupted
- Recognize rhyming sounds
- Pay attention for short periods of time to adult directed tasks
- Understand actions have both causes and effects
- Understand general times of the day
- Cut with scissors
- Trace basic shapes
- Begin to share with others
- Start to follow rules
- Be able to recognize authority
- Manage bathroom needs
- Button pants, shirts, coat, and zip-up zippers
- Begin to control oneself
- Separates from parents without becoming upset
- Speaks understandably
- Talks in complete sentences of five to six words
- Looks at pictures and then tell stories
- Identify rhyming words
- Identify the beginning sounds in some words
- Identify some alphabet letters
- Recognize common sight words like "stop"
- Sort similar objects by shape, size, and color
- Recognize groups of one, two, three, four, and five objects
- Count to ten
- Bounce a ball