

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

## Kindergarten Readiness

Many parents ask what their child needs to know before starting Kindergarten. What can you do to help? The following skills, behaviors and tasks will make for a successful transition.

### Social and Listening

- Interacts well with other children and adults
- Takes turns, shares, and plays well with other children
- Talks with others to solve disagreements and work things out
- Follows simple 2-3 step directions
- Answers simple questions: Who, What, When, Where...
- Demonstrates self-control (raises hand, waits turn to speak, listens to a story)
- Handles their emotions appropriately (anger, mad, sad, happy)

### Literacy

- Recognizes name in print, writes first name correctly
- Recognizes at least 15 letters and sounds
- Holds a book correctly and can turn pages
- Shows interest in reading or being read to
- Can say or sing the alphabet
- Can tell if 2 words rhyme such as cat and bat
- Begins to draw pictures to express ideas and tell stories

### Math

- Identifies numbers 0-10 and attempts to write them
- Can point and count up to 10 objects
- Identifies basic 2D shapes and colors
- Understands which number is more or less (numbers up to 10)
- Can sort a group of items by color, shape or size

### Growing Up

- Knows full name and name of parents, can tell own age, birthday and address
- Can put on, button or zip own clothing, jacket and backpack
- Can use the restroom, wash hands, and blow nose independently
- Asks for help when needed
- Adjusts to new situations without parents being there
- Responds appropriately to redirection, own feelings and feelings of others
- Uses pencils, crayons and scissors appropriately