

# Kindergarten Readiness Reference

Make learning these skills something fun and enjoyable. Turn them into games or songs. Allow your child to color in squares when the skills are mastered. Celebrate growth! Rising kindergartners do not need to meet each of these criteria perfectly; they should be moving toward meeting them with confidence.

<b>follow 2-step directions</b>	<b>share and take turns</b>	<b>state first and last names</b>	<b>state birthdate</b>
<b>identify basic colors</b>	<b>identify basic shapes: circle, triangle, square, rectangle, heart, star, diamond</b>	<b>notice and make patterns</b>	<b>compare objects by size: bigger, smaller, taller, shorter</b>
<b>understand and use position words: over, under, beside, behind, above, next to</b>	<b>recite the alphabet</b>	<b>identify most uppercase and lowercase letters</b>	<b>count to ten or even twenty</b>
<b>sort objects by color, shape and size</b>	<b>count up to ten objects with one-to-one correspondence</b>	<b>identify and write some numbers</b>	<b>use a three finger grip with writing tools</b>
<b>write first name</b> Write name with only one uppercase letter at the beginning	<b>use scissors to cut on a line</b>	<b>take care of bathroom and cleanliness needs</b>	<b>enjoy listening to stories</b>

