

Ready for Kindergarten



TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1** Read as much as possible. Take the time to sound out words together. Get your child excited about books and reading.
- 2** Practice identifying shapes and colors in real life and with flash cards or puzzles.
- 3** Rhyme Time! Use simple words and together come up with words that rhyme.
- 4** Get your child used to putting on his/her own jacket and cleaning up after him/herself.
- 5** Practice fine motor skills by encouraging your child to color, water play, use scissors, or play-dough.
- 6** Find everyday opportunities to count out loud together.
- 7** Give your child two or three-step directions to follow, and ask to repeat what you said.
- 8** Identifying letters in their own name. Encourage holding a pencil and show how to write out name from left to right.
- 9** Verbalize wants and needs. Encourage your child to speak clearly and in full sentences.
- 10** Separation anxiety is normal. Talk to your child about ways they can feel comfortable while away from home.

Let's Do This!

KINDERGARTEN CHECKLIST

COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR CHILD

- ☐ I can use the bathroom and wash my hands by myself.
- ☐ I know my parent's name(s) and my home address.
- ☐ I can drink from a cup, open a juice or milk box, and properly use eating utensils.
- ☐ I can put my jacket on and take it off without any help.
- ☐ I cover my mouth when I sneeze or cough.
- ☐ I know how I'm going to get to and from school.

REMEMBER...

Children develop at different rates. We recognize that every child will have a different skill level when entering Kindergarten. Our teachers are prepared to work with students with a wide variety of skills.