

Social & Emotional Skills

Before entering ECE, most children are able to do the following:

- Follow routines
- Play with other children
- Express their feelings and emotions
- Feel confident to try new things
- Wait their turn

What can you do at home?

- Coordinate times when your child can play with other children their own age
- Explain consequences of good and bad behavior and follow-through
- Seek out new and different experiences and outings
- Play games that require taking turns
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings

Language & Reading

Before entering ECE, most children are able to do the following:

- State their full name
- Know the first letter of their first name and the sound that it makes
- Enjoy books and ask questions about them
- Say the ABCs

What can you do at home?

- Read with your child every day, and ask what they think is going to happen in the story: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE
- Ask your child to point out different letters and familiar words as you go through your day together in the car, walking, and around the house. For example, words from their favorite foods or a stop sign.
- Go to the library for story times and to check out books
- Make up stories together and either write some of the words or let your child draw pictures to illustrate the story
- Give your child ample time to cut, draw, and write (pretend writing is great!)



READY FOR ECE?

Every child learns differently. So how do you know if your child is ready for ECE (preschool)? What can you do at home to help prepare your child for school?

The following information has been gathered and approved by Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers and Elementary Principals in the Far Northeast of Denver to help parents understand how they can do their part to ensure their child's success in school.



General Knowledge & Motor Skills

Before entering Kindergarten, most children are able to do the following, at least sometimes:

- Identify their body parts
- Cut on a line
- Hold a pencil and scissors correctly (fingers in the correct holes and thumb towards the ceiling)
- Copy letters and shapes
- Count from 1–10
- Begin to sort and group items according to form or color
- Know colors
- Write the first letter of their first name

What can you do at home?

- Draw everyday with your child and write their name on their work
- Make art projects by having your child use blunt scissors to cut up magazines, newspapers, or cereal boxes, and paste them onto paper (Be creative!)
- Have your child string beads onto string
- Talk about their world around you and label different shapes around you

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