

## Social & Emotional Skills

Before entering Kindergarten, 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
- Stand up for themselves and be able to tell an adult when conflict arises
- 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 Kindergarten, most children are able to do the following:

- State their whole name and write their first name
- Know some letters and make their sounds
- Understand that writing carries a message
- Enjoy books and ask questions about them
- Speaks and can be understood
- Retell familiar books either from memory or using picture cues

### What can you do at home?

- Read with your child every day, and ask what they think is going to happen in the story
- Ask your child to point out different letters and words as you go through your day together (walking, around the house)
- 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
- Sing songs and rhymes to your child on a daily basis



**Every child learns differently. So how do you know if your child is ready for Kindergarten? 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.**



## General Knowledge & Motor Skills

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

- Identify their body parts
- Draw a vertical and horizontal line
- Cut paper with blunt scissors
- Hold a pencil correctly
- Copy letters and shapes
- Count from 1 – 20
- Recognize numbers 1 - 10
- Sort and group items according to form or color
- Know basic colors
- Write their first name
- Be able to help themselves open snack and lunch items and be able to use the bathroom independently

### What can you do at home?

- Draw everyday with your child
- 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

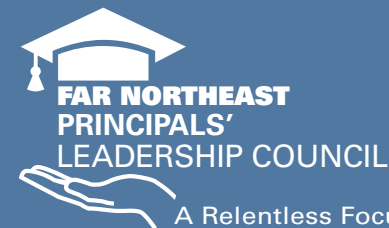
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