

## Language Skills

- Can speak in complete sentences and be understood by others most of the time
- Can use words to express needs and wants
- Can understand two-step directions
- Can make comparisons and describe relationships between objects like big/little, under/over, and first/last



## Reading Readiness Skills

- Can listen to and talk about stories
- Can hold a book properly
- Can sing/recite the alphabet and identify most of the letters
- Can recognize and try to write their own name with the first letter capital and all other letters lower case.
- Can draw a self portrait of themselves with most body parts: head, body, arms, legs, face



## What are some things I can do to prepare my child for kindergarten?

- Read daily with your child and discuss what you read. Connect it to her daily experience. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last visit to the zoo.
- Have an active social life. Give your child lots of opportunities to play with others and practice sharing and social skills.
- Encourage your child's independence by giving them chores around the house; have her select her clothes, dress herself, help her make her own snack.
- Help your child 'write' letters to friends and family members. You can begin by tracing letters on paper or in the sand box. Graduate to pencil and paper writing and have it available to work with.
- Play sound games including rhyming words, making up silly songs, repeating tongue twisters.
- Visit [starfall.com](http://starfall.com)
- LeapFrog Letter Factory Videos
- Visit your local library.
- Jack Hartmann ABC Videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrklhHnKQTs>



Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**

## Kindergarten Readiness!



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**We are excited to have your child join the Mills family!**

**Below are some skills that will help your child make a smooth transition into a fun and exciting year in Kindergarten!**

**Color in the bubbles for everything your child can do in each area. Bring the completed brochure to your child's Kindergarten Teacher on the first day of school and get a small prize.**

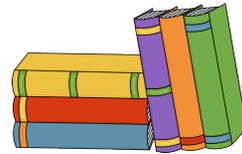


## Math Skills

- Can count from 1 to 10 without skipping numbers
- Can match a number to a group of five or fewer items ("I see three cats")
- Can recognize and name basic shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)
- Can arrange three objects in the right order (like from smallest to biggest)
- Can identify colors

## Self-Care Skills

- Can use the bathroom and wash their hands
- Can get dressed on their own
- Can say their first and last name and age
- Can open their own lunch and water bottle and is able to eat their entire lunch within 30 minutes
- Can unbuckle and buckle themselves from the car seat (for the Car Rider Line)



## Social and Emotional Skills

- Can separate from a parent or caregiver without getting overly upset
- Can interact with other children
- Can sit and listen to a story for at least 5 minutes
- Can talk about their feelings



## Fine Motor Skills

- Can correctly hold a pencil or crayon
- Can use scissors
- Can copy basic shapes
- Put together a simple puzzle



## Gross Motor Skills

- Can run
- Can jump with feet together
- Can hop on one foot
- Can climb stairs
- Can bounce a ball and try to catch it