

Kindergarten Readiness - Edgewood Academy

Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Being ready for kindergarten means having well-developed preschool skills, and being academically, socially, and physically ready for the transition. Here are some signs that your child is ready for kindergarten.

Academically (pre-reading skills)

- Can retell a simple story
- Speaks in complete sentences of 5-6 words
- Be able to state first and last name when asked
- Be able to write first name with first letter upper case and remaining letters lower case
- Knows basic colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink)
- Can identify geometric shapes (triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, diamond, heart)
- Recognizes the title of a book
- Makes most letter/sound matches
- Recognizes most letters
- Matches rhyming sounds
- Counts to ten
- Sings the ABCs song

Socially

- Feels comfortable in a group
- Sit for a story for 5-10 minutes
- Cleans up after themselves
- Asks for help when needed
- Knows personal information (name, age, gender)
- Follows simple instructions
- Recognizes authority
- Is able to share
- Be confident and ready to separate from parent.
- Uses restroom independently including washing hands without reminder.
- Adjust clothing before and after using restroom.

Physically

- Exhibits fine motor skills (holds pencil, traces shapes, buttons shirt, etc.)
- Exhibits motor coordination (rides a bike with training wheels, hops, skips)
- Manages bathroom needs