Kindergarten Readiness

WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN KNOW?

As your child gets ready to enter kindergarten, you may ask, "Will my child be ready?" The following list includes the skills that will help your child experience success as he/she enters kindergarten. Please read each item and check the boxes for the items your child is able to complete. These are recommended goals for the start of the kindergarten year.

SELF-HELP DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ Fastens large buttons.
- ☐ Puts toys away when asked.
- ☐ Washes and dries hands.
- ☐ Puts shoes on correct feet.
- ☐ Ties shoes.
- ☐ *Uses the bathroom independently.*
- ☐ Dresses self.
- ☐ Cares for own belongings.
- ☐ Says own first name and last name.
- ☐ Recites own phone number with area code.
- ☐ Recites own address (house #, street, state zip).

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ Focuses on one activity for at least 15 minutes at a time.
- ☐ Accepts limits without getting upset.
- ☐ Separates easily from parents.
- ☐ Stops an activity when grown-up says to do so.
- ☐ Keeps working at something until it is finished.
- ☐ Waits for his or her turn in games.
- ☐ Uses words rather than physical actions to settle arguments with other children.
- ☐ Identifies other children by name.
- ☐ Describes others' feelings (such as happy, sad, and mad)>
- ☐ Waits to hear the entire question before answering.
- ☐ Goes to bed easily without a struggle.
- ☐ Asks permission to use something that belongs to someone else.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SKILLS

- ☐ Identify and print first name (Encourage only first letter capital. Example: Jonathan) without an example given.
- ☐ Pick out own name from a group of names.
- ☐ Proper pencil/crayon grip is pointer finger on top with middle on the bottom. The thumb supports the side.
- ☐ Hold scissors and cut independently with thumb up at all times.
- ☐ Independent hygiene and dressing sills should be encouraged (hand-washing, toileting procedures, zipping, buttoning, etc...).
- ☐ Sing the alphabet.
- ☐ Name all capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet (in mixed up order)
- ☐ Match capital to lowercase letter.
- ☐ Know all basic colors.
- ☐ Name basic shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval).
- ☐ Count to 10.
- ☐ Name numbers 0-10 (in mixed up order)