

Millard Public Schools Suggested Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

As your child moves from preschool to kindergarten, you may have questions about what readiness skills kindergarten teachers expect. Listed below are some skills that kindergarten teachers throughout the district have shared to help your child gain the right mix of readiness skills. The skills listed might surprise you. Because there is such a national focus on academics, parents may think it's important for children to know their ABC's, numbers, shapes, and colors. While teachers would love children to come in with some letter and number recognition, they don't want you to drill your kids on academic skills. There are equally, if not more, important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning. Raising an eager learner is the goal, and can be achieved easily through play and day-to-day activities.

Skills of Independence

- Uses the restroom independently (flushes, washes hands etc.)
- Puts on and fastens their own clothing including jackets and coats (zippers, buttons, snaps, belt buckles, etc.)
- Speaks clearly and asks for assistance when needed
- Is able to blow their own nose and dispose of the tissue
- Cleans up after him/her self

Social Skills

- Is respectful of self, others, and property
- Takes turns
- Shares
- Understands boundaries and limits-knows what "no" means and how to accept it
- Follows simple oral directions
- Able to separate from parents
- Sustains interest for the length of a story

Pre-Academic Skills

- Recognizes name in printed form
- Exposure to colors, shapes, counting, books and nursery rhymes
- Exposure to alphabet letters and numbers
- Developing fine-motor skills (properly holds pencil/crayon)