

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN SKILLS

1. Can your child listen without constantly interrupting for 5-10 minutes?
2. Can your child hear rhyming words and similarities in words such as "sun" and "saw"?  
Can your child hear the difference in "man" and "can" when said slowly?
3. Can your child see differences and similarities in pictures or letters and words that match?
4. Can your child understand the relationship inherent in words like "up" and "down"?
5. Can he/she speak so as to be understood?
6. Can he/she handle being around new people, places, and situations?
7. Can he/she talk to another adult about needing help?
8. Does your child know how to obey basic rules?
9. Can your child take care of his/her bathroom needs, dress himself/herself, and attempt to button, zip, and tie?
10. Can he/she draw a picture beyond a scribble?
11. Can he/she cross the street safely?
12. Can he/she follow two-step directions like "Bring the book on the shelf to me."?
13. Can he/she answer this question: "A fire is hot; ice is \_\_\_\_\_."
14. Is your child willing to go to school?
15. Is your child able to complete small tasks?

## PREPARING FOR A GREAT START

Parents want the best for their children. We have completed a list of questions parents can use to help determine when their child is ready to begin school. If you answer no to a question(s), consider working on the skill(s) to help give your child a great start in kindergarten.

1. Does your child use left to right progression?
2. Does your child zip and button his/her coat and tie his/her shoes?
3. Can your child cut on a line with safety scissors?
4. Does your child know his/her first, middle, and last name?
5. Does your child know his/her parents' first and last names?
6. Does your child know how many brothers and sisters he/she has?
7. Does your child know his/her address and telephone number?
8. Can your child say five common rhymes found in nursery rhymes?
9. Is your child able to sit still and listen to a five minute story?
10. Can your child retell a story, telling at least three events from the story?
11. Can your child rote count to twenty?
12. Can your child count up to ten items?
13. Can your child recognize and name the letters in the alphabet?
14. Is your child able to follow a set of three verbal directions (ie: go upstairs, get your coat, and bring it to me).
15. Does your child understand and use manners?