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PRE-KINDERGARTEN SKILLS

1. Can your child listen without constant interrupting for 5-10 minutes?
2. Can your child hear rhyming words and the likeness in "sun" and "saw"?
Can your child hear the difference in "man" and "can" when said slowly?
3. Can your child see differences and likenesses 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 their bathroom needs, dress themselves, 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 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 do a reasonable amount of work without tiring?

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PREPARING FOR A GREAT START

Parents want the best for their children. We have completed a list of ways parents can help determine when their child is ready to begin school and give their child a great start in Kindergarten.

1. Read to children so they know left to right progression.
2. Teach them to zip and button a coat and tie their shoes.
3. Practice with them how to cut on a line with safety scissors.
4. Your child needs to know their first, middle and last name.
5. They should know their parent's first and last names.
6. How many brothers and sisters do they have?
7. Knowing their address and telephone number is important.
8. Say nursery rhymes with them. Are they able to say five common rhymes?
9. Is your child able to sit still and listen to a five minute story?
10. Have your child retell a story to you, telling at least three events from the story.
11. Count with them by rote to twenty.
12. Count items to ten.
13. Can your child recognize the letters in the alphabet? (Not the sound they make but the letters themselves.)
14. Is your child able to follow three verbal directions such as: 1) go upstairs, 2) get your coat, 3) and bring it to me.
15. Manners are important. Children should display appropriate social behavior.