

STARTING KINDERGARTEN SKILLS CHECKLIST

There are many things that you can do to establish a great kindergarten foundation and long-term school success:

- I give my scholar a chance to color, draw, or write daily.
- I point out letters daily and talk about the sounds they make.
- I have back-and-forth conversations with my scholar daily.
- I ensure my scholar is read to several times a week.

- I point out the names of shapes with my scholar.
- I talk about patterns using everyday objects with my scholar.
- I avoid talking about my math abilities in a negative way in front of my scholar.
- I count and point to things with my scholar.

- I show interest in my scholar's ideas and the things he/she makes.
- I praise my scholar when he/she keeps trying after making mistakes.
- I create fun, stress-free ways for my scholar to hear new information.

- I help my scholar use words to describe how he/she is feeling.
- I create opportunities for my scholar to play with others.
- I coach my scholar when needed.
- I notice when my scholar pays attention and praise him/her for doing so.

- I give my scholar time to practice tying, buttoning, or zipping, and offer support as needed.
- I make sure my scholar is sleeping at least 10 hours on school nights.
- I ensure my scholar arrives at school on time every day.
- I have reached out to others in my circle to ask for help with things that are preventing my scholar from arriving at school on time every day.

