

Salem - Keizer School District

Early Indicators for Successful Kindergarteners

While none of these skills identified are required for admission to kindergarten, these behaviors and skills are early indicators of kindergarten success.

Early Reading and Writing

- ◇ Listens to stories and read alouds
- ◇ Writes their name with correct capital and lower case letters
- ◇ Retells and discusses a familiar story
- ◇ Participates in word play (ex. rhyming)
- ◇ Identifies alphabet letters and says some corresponding sounds
- ◇ Attempts writing by using letters, symbols and drawing
- ◇ Uses tools including pencils, crayons and scissors

Early Mathematics

- ◇ Identifies some shapes, colors and patterns
- ◇ Counts and identifies numbers 1-20
- ◇ Sorts and classifies objects
- ◇ Counts number of objects in a small group
- ◇ Understands difference between letters and numbers
- ◇ Uses math language (bigger, smaller, tallest, shortest)
- ◇ Attempts to solve problems

Social and Emotional

- ◇ Takes turns and shares with others
- ◇ Uses appropriate self-help skills (dressing, toileting, eating, etc.)
- ◇ Begins to show confidence and independence
- ◇ Expresses thoughts and feelings
- ◇ Follows simple rules, routines and directions



Remember that play is an important part of learning. Your child learns best when they are spending time with you and doing activities which are interesting and fun!