### 80 Skills That Help Ease Kids Transition into Kindergarten

**Reading Readiness**
- Remembers pictures from a printed page
- Repeats a 6 to 8 word sentence
- Pretends to read (has been read to often)
- Identifies own first name in writing
- Answers questions about a short story
- Looks at pictures and tells a story

**Listening & Sequencing**
- Follows simple directions
- Pays attention
- Recognizes common sounds
- Retells a simple story in sequence
- Repeats a sequence of sounds
- Repeats a sequence of numbers heard

**Size, Position & Direction**
- Identifies own first name in writing
- Pretends to read (has been read to often)
- Answers questions about a short story
- Looks at pictures and tells a story

**Motor Skills**
- Alternate feet walking downstairs
- Can take care of toilet needs independently
- Makes simple 5 piece puzzle or less
- Helps with family chores

**Time**
- Understands day and night
- Knows age and birthday
- Recognizes primary colors
- Counts to 10

**Recognizes Colors & Shapes**
- Big and little
- Up and down
- More and less
- Fast and slow

**Size, Position & Direction**
- Big and little
- Up and down
- More and less
- Fast and slow

**Social-Emotional**
- Expresses self verbally
- Shows interest in going to school
- Recognizes authority
- Shares with others

**Numbers**
- Counts to 10
- Can count objects

**Motor Skills**
- Alternate feet walking downstairs
- Can take care of toilet needs independently
- Makes simple 5 piece puzzle or less
- Helps with family chores
- Works independently

This list, which was compiled by researchers for World Book, Inc., on the basis of a survey of 4,500 kindergarten teachers, represents the ideal—something parents can aim for.

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**MY CHILD KNOWS…**

- Own last name
- Parents’ names
- Home phone number
- When to use a handkerchief

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