



## Recommended Skills for Kindergarten Readiness

Children entering kindergarten have an advantage when they begin school if they are able to do some of the following:

### Reading and Language Arts



- Recognize and write own first name  
(NOTE: Student name should begin with a capital letter and all other letters should be written in lowercase, such as John.)
- Name some letters, especially the letters in his/her name
- Distinguish the difference between numbers and letters
- Recite simple, rhyming poems such as nursery rhymes
- Identify colors (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, black, brown, white, pink, grey)
- Sort and classify pictures and objects by one characteristic (such as: "These are all buttons." and "These are all pictures of horses.")

### Math



- Count to ten
- Recognize the written numbers 0 - 10
- Verbally count up to ten objects. First touch then count the object ("One, two, three, etc.")
- Understand concept of left and right
- Identify basic shapes-

Circle



Square



Triangle



Rectangle



### Fine Motor



- Hold scissors correctly (Thumb in small hole in handle and first two digits in large hole of the handle)
- Cut a line
- Hold pencils correctly (see diagram)
- Button and zip articles of clothing

## Social



- Sit quietly and attend to a single task for five minutes
- Act in a socially responsible way even when an adult is not around to monitor his/her behavior

## Self Help Skills



- Totally care for toileting needs including flushing toilet and washing and drying their hands

## Parent Involvement



You are welcome and encouraged to volunteer in your child's classroom. Please feel free to offer your time, energy and talents. Making a connection between the school and the home will show your child that you believe that education is important.

Reading to your child helps to provide a rich background of experiences and fosters a positive attitude toward reading. The following are but a few suggestions of the many classic books available for children. Most of these books are available at public libraries, book stores, and some teacher supply stores.