

WHAT KINDERGARTEN EXPECTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

(One public school published this listing as the abilities needed to enter Kindergarten)

ARE YOU HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN TO...

- turn lights off and on and other simple tasks
- wash hands before meals and after using the bathroom
- listen and follow directions (respect adult authority) needs reminding less than three times
- put on shoes, tie own shoestrings, button, zip
- carry water without spilling (balance)
- hop, skip, run, jump, gallop
- talk about names of things around home, their use and importance
- say own name, parents' names, address, phone number, area code, and be willing to give them when asked
- retell and dramatize stories and events that interest him
- play with other children...be able to work in a group and share toys with others
- see the differences in size of objects (small plate, large bowl, etc) and differences in forms (triangle, circle, square, rectangle)
- know what it means to go up, down, around, behind, inside of, or in front of
- know colors and be able to name them (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, black, brown)
- begin to recognize capital and lower case letters of the alphabet
- cut on the lines of shapes and large pictures with children's blunt scissors (right or left handed scissors)
- draw with crayons on a big sheet of paper
- scribble and show interest in printing
- name the parts of the body and functions (eyes are to see, elbows bend arms, etc.)
- identify differences in color, picture, size, shape, and sound
- listen to music that tells to march, jump, skip, slide, hop, or sing to its rhythms as well as do the activities
- take things apart as well as put them together
- enjoy stories read often
- count toys, buttons, socks, pennies, etc.,
- count on a calendar, see the sequence of the numbers and learn to recognize numerals 0-10
- put puzzles together
- use hands to string buttons or beads and use lacing cards