

GROWING A SCHOOL-READY CHILD

Boone County Kindergarten Readiness Criteria

▲ Age 5-Ready to Start Kindergarten

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Practices self-control
- Expresses emotions appropriately
- Manages anger
- Demonstrates self-help skills (zips coat, uses bathroom independently)
- Plays alone and with peers
- Shows empathy towards others
- Takes turns in conversations
- Follows directions

LITERACY

- Uses books meaningfully
- Knows that print carries meaning
- Recognizes first name
- Recognizes some letters
- Copies first name from a model

MATH

- Recognizes patterns
- Counts objects accurately
- Recognizes some numbers
- Sorts and groups objects
- Uses and understands: "behind, next to, in front of"
- Understands: "more, less"
- Counts to 10

LANGUAGE

- Expresses thoughts
- Follows directions
- Understands others
- Represents ideas with pencils/markers
- Talks about experiences
- Listens

▲ Toddler-Preschool Years

Teachers report social skills are crucial to kindergarten success.

A DEVELOPING LEARNER BEGINS TO...

- Focus and control self
- Follow 2-step directions
- Use language & listening skills
- Persist and solve problems
- Keep trying; does not give up
- Build positive peer relations
- Take turns with others

▲ Birth-Toddler Years

THE ROOT OF KINDERGARTEN READINESS STARTS WITH...

- Sharing rich life experiences
- Attaching and bonding with family members/caregivers
- Creating a safe, caring environment
- Setting age-appropriate expectations & rules
- Engaging in conversations with adults and children

- Visiting doctors and dentists regularly
- Nurturing social/emotional development
- Providing positive guidance
- Encouraging independence
- Offering hands-on experiences
- Reading to your child
- Playing with your child
- Establishing a consistent sleep schedule

For more resources, visit www.readyforschool.us

Kindergarten readiness standards created by educator and agency representatives from Boone County, including:

- Centralia School District
- Columbia Public School District
- Hallsville School District
- Harrisburg School District
- Southern Boone School District
- Sturgeon School District

