

Skills Your Child Should Know Before Coming To Kindergarten

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Children don't need to be able to read by the time they enter kindergarten, instead students should be ready to be taught how to read. Parents should read, sing, and talk with their child daily to prepare them.

Here are some examples of what children should be able to do:

*Recognize alphabet letters. This means recognizing isolated letters, not just memorizing them in sequence.

*Know their first and last name. Be able to recognize name in print.

*Count, typically students should be able to reach at least 20, and they need to understand the concept that each number corresponds to a quantity.

*Recognize numbers and patterns. This includes being able to distinguish between letters and numbers.

*Identify shapes and colors.

*Share, wait their turn, and communicate with words, not actions when they are upset.

*Pay attention: students should be able to sit long enough to hear a story and be able to understand and follow two-step and three-step directions.

*Zip, snap, tie, button, and fasten Velcro. They should be able to tie their own shoes and take care of their bathroom needs independently.