



On the first day of school, kindergarten teachers hope your child can...

Language Arts:

- Recite their first and last name
- Recognize first name when written
- Write first name without capital letters in the middle of the child's name (Robert is NOT ROBERT)
- Identify the names of the letters in first name
- Recognize uppercase and lowercase letters
- Retell a story after being read to
- Speak in complete sentences
- Know the basic concepts of print:
 - know how to hold a book appropriately
 - know that print holds meaning
 - know the beginning and end of a book
 - know that print moves from left to right

Math:

- Know the nine basic colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, white)
- Recognize shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle)
- Know how to count from 0-20
- Understand positional words (before, after, above, below)
- Touch and count a group of items
- Identify and write numbers to ten

Social and Independent Skills:

- Cut on and around lines
- Use paper, crayons, and scissors
- Speak like a school aged child (no baby talk)
- Listen without interrupting
- Follow 1-2 step directions
- Use the bathroom independently: wash hands, use buttons and zippers
- Put on jacket
- Tie shoes
- Share with others
- Adjust to being away from parents for a length of time
- Walk to class and carry own backpack
- Open items in their lunchbox

Practicing these things over the summer will help your child be successful. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely, Your Kindergarten Teachers

