

Growing a School-Ready Child...

Boone County Kindergarten Readiness Criteria

Social Skills**

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

Literacy

- Uses books meaningfully
- Recognizes some letters
- Knows that print carries meaning
 - Recognizes first name
- 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" and "less"
- Counts to 10

Language

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

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

**** "Teachers report social skills are crucial to kindergarten success."**

Kindergarten Readiness Starts with...

- Sharing rich life experiences
- Attaching and bonding with family members/caregivers
- Creating a safe caring environment
- Setting age appropriate expectations and 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
- Practicing good nutrition

Age 5-Ready to Start Kindergarten

Toddler—Preschool Years

Birth-Toddler Years