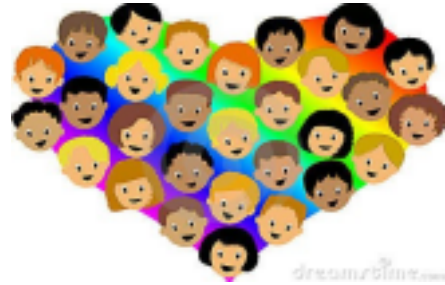


# North Providence Public Schools

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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*Kindergarten is an important milestone for families and children. For many, kindergarten might be a child's first real school experience. Practicing the academic, social, and creative skills outlined in this brochure, will help ensure a positive transition. We look forward to getting to know your child and working with you to make sure this milestone year is a successful one.*

# Helpful Skills When Entering Kindergarten

## Language and Literacy Skills

- Participates in conversations
- Follows one- and two-step directions
- Sequences events in a day
- Shows interest in reading related activities, books, being read to
- Tells about a story
- Recites/sings the alphabet
- Identifies some upper and lower case letters
- Recognizes and writes first name
- Rhymes
- Identifies a few common sight words



## Motor Skills

- Catches a ball
- Hops on one foot
- Balances on one foot
- Climbs a playground ladder
- Stacks small blocks
- Strings beads
- Completes a basic puzzle
- Makes shapes with play dough
- Holds a pencil correctly
- Holds scissors correctly
- Uses a glue stick appropriately
- Buttons shirts, pants, coats and zips zippers
- Colors within the lines



## Mathematical Thinking Skills

- Sorts by color, shape, and size
- Makes a simple pattern
- Orally counts to 20
- Counts objects to 10
- Names/identifies numbers 0-10
- Identifies circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles
- Understands up, down, over, and under

## Personal and Social Skills

- Asks for help when needed
- Follows rules and routines
- Transitions smoothly from one activity to the next
- Interacts with one or more children
- Interacts with adults
- Plays well with other children
- Takes turns and shares
- Cleans up after play and lunch/snacks
- Able to separate from caregiver

### **Safety Skills**

- Knows first and last name
- Knows address, phone number and birthday
- Knows parents' first and last names
- Tells an adult when not feeling well



### **Personal Needs Skills**

- Covers cough, blows nose, and covers sneeze
- Asks to use the bathroom
- Independently uses the toilet including wiping
- Washes own hands
- Snaps, buttons, zips own clothing Ties shoes
- Eats independently
- Opens most packages and containers
- Manages belongings such as coat and backpack

## **Some Things Parents Can Do**

- Limit TV, electronics, and video games on school nights and less than 2 hours a day.
- Establish a bedtime routine to ensure your child gets enough sleep each night.
- Provide opportunities for physical activity, outside play, and dramatic play as well as opportunities to interact with and play with other children.
- Visit the public library and local parks and playgrounds.
- Help your child develop independence in dressing, eating, and personal hygiene.
- Encourage helpfulness, cooperation, sharing, turn taking, and concern for others.
- Read to your child EVERY day—stories, poems, nursery rhymes, alphabet books, etc., and talk about the pictures, story, letter names and sounds.
- Encourage counting activities and highlight numbers in daily experiences such as at the grocery store or noting time.
- Provide pencils, scissors, markers, glue, crayons and paper and encourage drawing, scribbling and writing.
- Encourage children to pick up, care for belongings, and assist with simple chores.
- Praise effort and perseverance on tasks children find challenging.

**Remember ... "Growth Mindset."**

# Final Thoughts

You have entrusted to us very special little ones. We take that responsibility very seriously and will do everything in our power to honor that trust. The partnership that we create with you this year establishes an important foundation in your child's elementary school experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

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