



Your child will start school **READY TO LEARN** when you work on these skills:

Motor Development

- Can hold a pencil and use scissors
- Has energy for class activities
- Moves with balance and control

Self-Care Skills

- Asks for help when needed
- Uses the toilet and washes hands independently
- Uses zippers
- Feeds self: opens containers and milk cartons independently
- Manages personal belongings

Cognitive Development and General Knowledge

- Recognizes and sequences numbers (1-10)
- Identifies letters in their name
- Recites pieces of information from memory
- Recognizes simple patterns
- Recites first and last name upon request

Social and Emotional Development

- Works and plays cooperatively with peers, taking turns and sharing
- Follows two-step directions
- Expresses emotions in an appropriate manner
- Able to deal with feelings at age-appropriate level
- Has empathic response to others' feelings
- Negotiates with peers to resolve conflicts

Communication and Language Skills

- Communicates wants and needs
- Looks at pictures, then tells stories
- Uses words and drawings to express an experience

When you share the things you loved about school with your child, your attitude will help your child be positive and anticipate good things!