



South Kingstown Public Schools

Success for All Learners

CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF THEY . . .

Cognitive Development: Literacy

- Identify most upper-case letters.
- Identify some lower-case letters.
- Identify some letter sounds.
- Have a basic understanding of beginning sounds.
- Recognize and make rhymes.
- Recite simple nursery rhymes.

Cognitive Development: Mathematics

- Identify most colors.
- Identify most shapes.
- Count to 30.
- Count 10 objects.
- Identify numerals 1-10.
- Compare groups of objects. (*more, less, same*)
- Compare sizes of objects. (*big, little, medium*)
- Understand position and location words. (*next to, under, over, front, behind*)
- Extend an AB and ABC repeating pattern.

Social/Emotional Development: Approach to Learning

- Sit and attend to group activities for 15-20 minutes.
- Control body and respect others' personal space.
- Actively participate during large group activities.
- Follow rules and routines.
- Follow through with a 15-20 minute activity, seeking help when needed.
- Independently manage transitions between activities.
- Use materials purposefully and safely.

Social/Emotional Development: Interactions with Others

- Separate appropriately from parents/guardians.
- Communicate wants and needs.
- Take turns and share during play.
- Get along well with other children.
- Problem solve in various situations.
- Demonstrate empathy and caring.

Language Development

- Initiate and maintain a conversation for 3 turns.
- Follow 2-step novel directions.
- Speak clearly in 4-5 word sentences.
- Answer simple “wh” questions. (*who, what, where, when, why*)
- Ask simple “wh” questions.
- Retell a 3-4 part story with prompts.

Motor Development: Fine Motor

- Hold a pencil correctly with a 3 or 4 finger grasp.
- Write their first name legibly and independently (without a model).
- Copy most capital letters.
- Complete an 8 piece interlocking puzzle.
- Zip and button most clothing.
- Cut out shapes.

Motor Development: Gross Motor

- Run and gallop with ease.
- Walk up and down stairs with alternating feet.
- Play independently on the playground.
- Catch and throw a ball with both hands.
- Kick a ball forward 10 feet.

Creativity

- Engage in dramatic play using props, language, and imagination to dramatize stories and experiences.
- Participate and follow directions during music activities.
- Use a variety of tools and art media to creatively express ideas.

Science

- Use play to discover, question, and understand their world.
- Investigate changes in materials and cause-effect relationships.