

# READINESS CHECKLIST



Is your child able to...

- Settle into new groups or situation?
- Concentrate for a period of five minutes with a task that is not 'their choice'?
- Show kindness and concern to other children and adults?
- Follow simple directions?
- Enjoy being read to?
- Retell a story?
- Speak in complete sentences?
- Write his or her own name, using a capital only at the beginning?
- Repeat beginning and ending sounds in words?
- Recognize and/or name the letters and sounds in their own name.
- Name and sort items by colors, shape and size?
- Count in order from 1-10.

- Recognize numbers and quantities of 1-5?
- Understand concepts such as more, less, same, above, below, big and small?
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The simple task of reading to your child 20 minutes a day helps your child master most of the skills listed above. Here are some great book titles to get you started:

*Crocodile Beat* by Gail Jorgensen and Patricia Mulins

*The Listening Walk* by Paul Showers

*The Doorbell Rang* by Pat Hutchins

*Feast for 10* by Cathyn Falwell

*Corduroy* by Don Freeman

*It Looked Like Spilt Milk* by Charles G. Shaw

*Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh

*The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear* by Don and Audrey Wood

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister

Any books by Dr. Suess, Eric Carle and Ezra Jack Keats

