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Get Ready for Kindergarten

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Basic Learning Skills

Some of the skills children need for kindergarten don't fit neatly into any category. But a knowledge of colors and the ability to put like things together are important for learning many subjects.

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe in them.”

—Lady Bird Johnson

To help your child develop basic learning skills:

- **Provide toys** that require thinking. These include puzzles, blocks or sorting toys.
- **Use scraps** and other things from around the house for arts and crafts.
- **Play “Simon Says.”** For example, “Simon says, ‘Put your hands over your head.’” “Simon says, ‘Turn around three times.’”
- **Play “I Spy”** with colors. See how many red things your child can find today, how many blue things she can find tomorrow.
- **Make comparisons** to teach your child about *more* and *less*, *bigger* and *smaller*. “Who has *more* buttons, you or Dad? Whose shoes are *bigger*, yours or Marco’s?”
- **Teach your child her address** and phone number.
- **Teach your child how to write** her first name, using capital and lowercase letters. Make sure she knows her last name, even if she cannot write it.
- **Use words like *please*** and *thank you*, and expect your child to use them, too.

Does your child:

	Yes	Not Yet
1. Recognize at least five colors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Follow simple directions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Retell a simple story after she has listened to it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Classify things that go together (<i>knife/fork, shoe/sock</i>)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Know words that signal position, size or direction (<i>up/down, bigger/smaller, over/under, first/last</i>)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Know her first and last name?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Know her address and phone number?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Manage bathroom needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Common Discipline Problems of Preschoolers and How to Solve Them
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Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten
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