



Help your child be prepared for kindergarten!

This information sheet has been developed in collaboration with all Reno County school districts to help you prepare your child for school.

Children learn through everything they do. You can help your child learn these skills through everyday activities such as playing with, reading to, and talking with your child.

Please know that all children learn at different rates. Use this checklist as you interact with your children to help them be ready for kindergarten.

Kindergarten Ready

Social & Emotional

- Separates from family without being upset
- Controls emotions & calms self
- Expresses his or her own wants & needs
- Takes turns & shares when playing with other kids

Self-Care

- Uses the bathroom without help
- Knows how to wash hands
- Picks up after himself or herself

Physical & Motor Development

- Can use pencils, crayons & scissors correctly
- Skips, jumps, hops & can throw a ball
- Holds a book correctly & turns pages

Communication

- Listen to stories read to him or her
- Able to ask & answer simple questions
- Listens & follows directions
- Recognizes & can say nursery rhymes/songs
- Pretends to write
- Tells how to solve a simple problem

Academic

- Recognizes & names numbers 0 to 10
- Recognizes some letters of the alphabet & their sounds
- Recognizes & writes first name
- Sorts objects by color, size or shape
- Understands concepts such as more or less, big or little, over or under
- Recognizes the difference between words & pictures