

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: The Top 10 Skills to Practice



1. Identify letters in child's name
2. Count to 30
3. Recitation of the alphabet
4. Child is able to follow simple one step directions
5. Encourage establishment of dominant hand. Also encourage three finger grasp on crayon and pencil. Please see graphic below for finger placement on a writing instrument.
6. Encourage your child to participate in coloring and cutting activities to strengthen fine motor control. (Suggestions: Practice cutting on straight and curved lines and coloring in one direction.)
7. Practice identifying the numbers 0-20
8. Count items to create groups of objects 0-10
9. Practice reciting address and telephone number
10. Encourage your child to independently put on and take off his/her coat (including zippers)

