

READY...SET...GO...

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Island Creek Elementary School

Social/Emotional Development




- Separates easily from their parent
- Expresses basic needs (e.g. bathroom, I need...)
- Follows directions of the adult
- Follows 1-step directions
- Follow the leader activities
- Maintain attention to task for a minimum of 5 minutes
- Begins to play and work cooperatively with peers
- Begins to understand how to take turns

Language Arts

Oral Language

- Shares personal information (name, age...)
- Begins to tell stories orally
- Shows awareness of sounds (e.g. school bell ringing)
- Participates in nursery rhymes, finger plays, and poems

Reading

- Recognizes first name and identifies the letters
- Enjoys being read to...
- Begins to recognize environmental print (e.g.  ,  , )
- Explores books (holding book right-side up and forward)

Writing

- Draws basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, and rectangle)
- Draws pictures
- Begins to write first name

Math

- Shows awareness of shapes (circle, square, triangle, and rectangle)
- Shows awareness of colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, white, & black)
- Shows an awareness of numbers

Fine Motor

Demonstrates beginning control of small muscles:

- Cut and use scissors
- Hold crayons and pencils
- Zip/Un-Zip Backpack
- Put on/Zip Coat
- Buttoning skills

Gross Motor

Demonstrates beginning control of large muscles:

- Basic balance (stand on 1 foot)
- Walk in a straight line
- Toss/Catch a large ball (i.e. playground ball, basketball, soccer ball) with self and a partner
- Run