

# Top 15 Things Every Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten

Teachers and parents can follow these processes as a quick reference when testing children who are entering or are getting ready to enter Kindergarten.



- 1 Be able to state first and last name when asked.
- 2 Be able to write first name with first letter upper case and remaining letters lower case.
- 3 Use appropriate three-finger grasp when using writing instruments (pencils, crayons and scissors)
- 4 Count to at least thirty and tells what number comes before or after a given number to 20.
- 5 Know all the letters in their first name.
- 6 Identify basic geometric shapes (triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, rhombus (diamond) and heart)
- 7 Know basic colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink)
- 8 Identify numerals 1-10 in random order.
- 9 Make most letter/sound matches.
- 10 Identify most upper and lower case letters.
- 11 Use finger to accurately touch count items to ten.
- 12 Knows concepts of print (front and back of book, which page comes first, track words left to right).
- 13 Be able to rhyme words.
- 14 Retells simple stories in sequence.
- 15 When given a word ("man") and a new beginning sound (/f/), creates the familiar word ("fan")

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