

Kindergarten Checklist

Growth and Age

1. Will your child be five years old or older when he/she starts kindergarten?
2. Is your child at or better than the following norms or averages in weight and height?

Boys

Weight: 40 lbs.

Height: 43 inches

Girls

Weight: 37 lbs.

Height: 42 inches

3. Can strangers easily understand your child's speech?

General Activity Related to Growth

Can your child:

1. Pay attention to a short story when it is read and answer simple questions about it?
2. Draw and color beyond a simple scribble?
3. Tie a shoe?
4. Zip or button up a coat?
5. Walk backward for a distance of five or six feet?
6. Stand on one foot for five to ten seconds?
7. Alternate feet walking down stairs?
8. Walk in a straight line?
9. Fasten buttons that he/she can see?
10. Tell his/her left hand from the right?
11. Take care of toilet needs by himself/herself?

Remembering

Can your child:

1. Repeat a series of four numbers without practice, such as "say after me, 6-1-7-4?"

2. Repeat eight to ten word sentences, such as "The boy ran all the way home from the store?"
3. Remember instructions and carry out two or three simple errands or tasks in the home after being told once? Ex: "Pick up the book, bring me the pencil, and close the door."

Understanding

Can your child:

1. Tell you the meaning of simple words like bicycle, apple, car, hammer, water, shirt, horse, etc.?
2. Count four objects?
3. Supply the last word to all of the following statements?
Mother is a woman; Father is a....
A fire is hot; an ice cube is....
A plane goes fast; a turtle goes....
4. Put together a puzzle of three to six pieces?
5. Tell what parts are missing if you draw a stick picture of a person and leave out a leg or an arm?
6. Draw or copy a square?
7. Correctly name simple drawings? Ex: car, dog, cap, chair, etc.

General Knowledge

Can your child tell you?

1. How many feet he/she has?
2. How many ears a dog has?
3. Which goes faster, a car or a bicycle?
4. From what or where meat comes?
5. Of what things are made, such as a car, chair, or shoes?
6. For what is a key used?
7. For what are ears used?
8. For what his/her eyes are used?
9. The names of three or four colors that you point out?
10. Tell in what way a sweater, shoes, and hat are the same?

School Interest

1. Do you have books, magazines, and newspapers in your home that your child may examine?
2. Is your child unafraid of going to school?
3. Does your child often ask when he/she will be going to school?
4. Does your child pretend to read?
5. Have you attempted to create in your child the idea of looking forward to school experiences?

Totals: _____ Yes _____ No