You’re on your way to First

The information provided below is designed to help you make sure that your child has the skills to be ready for first grade.

You bet I’m ready for First Grade!

**Personal Needs Without Help: Can they...**
- ___ Put on and take off coat/shoes?
- ___ Tie their own shoes?
- ___ Open packets and containers for lunch?
- ___ State their birthday?
- ___ State their address and phone number?

**Social Skills: Can they...**
- ___ Accept responsibility for their choices/actions?
- ___ Cooperate with other children?
- ___ Work independently?
- ___ Follow multi-step directions?
- ___ Problem solve for basic problems/situations?

**ELA Skills: Can they...**
- ___ Tell and retell familiar stories?
- ___ Recognize/Write all upper and lower case letters?
- ___ Produce the sounds that letters make?
- ___ Write their first name and last name correctly (e.g., M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T)?
- ___ Read basic sight words?
- ___ Write 1-3 sentences with a capital, spacing between words and punctuation at the end?
- ___ Blend and segment one syllable words (e.g., c-a-t, cat)?

**Math Skills: Can they...**
- ___ Identify colors, shapes (2D and 3D) and sizes?
- ___ Count to 100 by 1’s and 10’s?
- ___ Write numbers up to 20?
- ___ Count objects up to 20 and know the last number said is the number of objects?
- ___ Add and subtract numbers within 10?
- ___ Identify which group has more/less?
- ___ Describe the position of items (above, below, next to, beside, behind, in front of)?
- ___ Compose and decompose numbers within 20 (e.g., 19 is 10 and 9)?

**Additional Information**

**Summer Slide**
- Children lose 2-3 months of academic knowledge during the summer.
- To help with the summer slide, have your child work on ELA and math skills at least 1 hour daily.
- Go to the library and check out books or read while there.
- Limit screen time (computer, tablet, phone, video games).
- Take a walk. On the walk count objects, notice shapes, and just talk with your child.

**Educational Websites**
- Starfall.com
- Abcya.com
- Teachyourmonstertoread.com

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