

# 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

