

Before your child enters school,  
he or she should be able to:

## SPEAK AND LISTEN

Use and understand many words.

Speak in complete sentences.

Ask lots of questions.

Say and notice words that rhyme in stories.

Make up and share personal stories about his or her interests.

## READ AND WRITE

Select familiar books and tell why he or she likes them. Retell favorite stories from books.

Hold a book upright.

Identify letters of the alphabet.

Recognize letter sounds.

Recognize, copy, and print his or her first name.

Hold a pencil and write with it.

## USE MATHEMATICS

Recognize and count up to ten items.

Recognize number symbols 1-10.

Describe and talk about objects that have different sizes, colors, shapes, and patterns.

Sort items by "same" and "different."

Use the words "near," "far," "top," "bottom," "under," "first," "second," "last."

Sort objects from smallest to largest, shortest to tallest and lightest to heaviest.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
10

## PARTICIPATE & COOPERATE

Understands and participates in conversations.

Stay involved in a directed activity to its completion.

Follows routines and directions.

Work and play together with other children.

A B C D E F G H I  
J K L M N O P Q R  
S T U V W X Y Z