



What does my child need to know before starting school?

As seen at [Betty Brinn Children's Museum](#)

Academic Skills

- Recognize and name basic shapes: square, circle, triangle, rectangle
- Recognize and name numbers 1-10, even when they are out of order
- Count to 20
- Count 10 objects, pointing to each one when counting
- Say or sing the alphabet
- Recognize the letters of the alphabet, both uppercase and lowercase (even out of order)
- Identify colors in an 8-count crayon pack
- Recognize first name
- Write first name
- Sort items by size, color, or shape
- Hold a book and turn pages
- Tell if two words rhyme
- Identify some letter sounds
- Say parents' full names and phone numbers (at least one)

Other skills

- Put on a coat and zip it up
- Tie shoes
- Take turns and share
- Sit quietly and listen