



What Incoming Kindergartners Need to Know

The following are essential learnings and expectations for graduating summer school kindergartners, as identified by kindergarten teachers.

Math

- **Identify what a number is**
- **Counting up to 10**
- **4 basic shapes – square, circle, rectangle, triangle**
- **Identify colors – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, white, black, gray, pink, brown**

Reading

- **Identify what a book is, how to hold a book and turn pages**
- **Sing ABCs**
- **Identify their names**

Writing

- **How to hold a pencil**
- **How to write their names on paper**
- **How to color**
- **Tracing with pencils, crayons and scissors**

Science

- **How to observe things – what do you notice**
- **Mixing colors – what happens**

Social Studies

- **What rules are and how to follow them**
- **What routines are and how to follow them**

Basic Skills

- **How to hold a pencil, a scissor and crayons, and how to use glue**
- **Respond to basic questions**
- **How to use the bathroom (bathroom routines such as flushing toilets and washing hands)**
- **How to wipe themselves (teacher must encourage parents to teach this to their child entering kindergarten)**