

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
What My Child Needs to Know Before Starting Kindergarten

Self-help skills

Can recite/knows

- Birthday
- Mom, Dad, Guardian
- Tells first and last name

Has ability to

- Tie shoes
- Zip (pants, coat)
- Snap (pants, coat)
- Take coat on/off
- Toilet skills
- Wash hands after using bathroom
- Cough or sneeze into elbow
- Uses tissues to blow nose

Social Skills

- Plays well with others
- Respects others property (cares for books & toys)
- Keeps hands and feet to self
- Does not interrupt
- Listens & follows directions
- Understands and can use these words: please, thank you, sorry and excuse me

Literacy skills

- Can say or sing the alphabet
- Recognizes print (knows signs such as McDonalds, Wal-Mart)
- Reads first name
- Can name common objects (door, table, chair, pencil, etc.)
- Writes first name
- First letter of name capitalized
- Basic understanding of books
 - Follows left to right
 - Follows top to bottom
 - Knows front & back of book

Math Skills

Can name/knows

- Shapes— rectangle, circle, triangle, square, diamond, star, oval, cube
- Colors— red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, pink, white
- Can count out loud up to 10
- Can count up to 10 objects

Motor Skills

- Uses scissors correctly
- Holds pencil/crayon correctly (pinched between thumb and forefinger, and resting on middle finger)
- Can run
- Can jump or hop on one or two feet