

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist for SJES

While we do not expect students at age 5 to know everything, the first couple of weeks will go much smoother if students have a solid foundation. Students entering kindergarten **should be able to:**

- o Write their first name.
- o Recognize numbers 1-20. Count to 20.
- o Name and identify letters, uppercase and lowercase. Start to learn letter sounds.
- o Identify basic colors.
- o Identify basic shapes.
- o Know how to hold a pencil, scissors, and a glue stick and how to use them correctly.
- o Dress themselves to include putting on their own coats, shoes, and be able to use zippers and buttons.
- o Sit quietly and follow simple directions.
- o Wash and dry hands.
- o Open all food containers.

Things to practice:

- o Rhyming! Sing nursery rhymes and rhyming songs, read books with rhymes, and play with rhyming words.
- o Read, read, read! Dr. Seuss, classics, and any other books you like.