

Things Children Should Be Able To Do Before Entering Kindergarten

1. Know their first and last names.
2. Know their address.
3. Know their telephone number.
4. Speak in complete sentences.
5. Print first name in lower case letters, not all caps.
6. Hold pencil correctly.
7. Say the alphabet.
8. Recognize some letters of the alphabet.
9. Know the 8 primary colors.
10. Recognize the shapes: circle and square.
11. Count to 20.
12. Recognize most numbers from 0 - 10.
13. Know the correct way to hold a scissors.
14. Know the meaning of the terms "alike" and "different."
15. Understand the terms: "top/bottom," "in/out," "up/down," "over/under."
16. Know how to take care of bathroom needs alone.
17. Know how to take shoes off and on by themselves (including tying shoe laces).
18. Know how to zip, button or snap their winter coats by themselves.