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Parent's Checklist for School Entry and After

The following is a checklist for your person use. Some of the items may apply to your child now; some will apply after your child has entered school. Continue to check the items periodically to assess your child's progress as a current or future kindergarten student and to give you an opportunity to help him or her improve in certain areas.

Does your child:

- Know her name and address?
- Put things away after work and play when reminded?
- Play with others for part of the day?
- Play alone for part of the day?
- Enjoy a variety of activities?
- Get enough sleep to avoid fatigue and crankiness during the daytime?
- Remember to bring notes to school promptly?
- Play away from the street?
- Cross the street only at the corner after carefully looking both ways with adult supervision until mastery is well established?
- Play well with others by waiting and taking turns?
- Accept a certain amount of frustration without crying or sulking?
- Seem happy most of the time?
- Accept constructive criticism gracefully?
- Play without coming to you most of the time to solve his problems?
- Have many opportunities to draw pictures?
- Know how to cut with scissors?
- Know how to paste neatly?
- Ask questions about many things she sees?
- Have the opportunity to go to interesting places?
- Speak distinctly, being easily understood by others?
- Use new words he hears?
- Seem to see and hear well?
- Like to make things?
- Like books? Can he interpret the pictures?
- Retell stories or recite poems or songs she heard at school?
- Talk about interesting topics discussed at school?
- Sit and listen for 5 to 10 minutes without restlessness?
- Play games involving numbers?
- Have a sense of humor and laugh easily?
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior toward strangers?

Keep this list after checking the items. These items are just to help you understand your child's development. If you have concerns about your child's progress in any of these areas, discuss them with your child's primary care health professional.

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