Cambridge Prep Academy recommendations to assure your student

is ready for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten readiness list:

* Listen to stories without interrupting
* Recognize rhyming sounds
* Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
* Understand actions have both causes and effects
* Show understanding of general [times of day](https://www.familyeducation.com/fun/telling-time/reading-clock)
* Cut with scissors
* Trace basic shapes
* Begin to share with others
* Start to [follow rules](https://www.familyeducation.com/school/listening/following-directions-kindergarten)
* Be able to recognize authority
* Manage [bathroom needs](https://www.familyeducation.com/life/toilet-training/toilet-training-how-coach-your-child)
* Button shirts, pants, coats, and zip up zippers
* Begin to control oneself
* [Separate from parents](https://www.familyeducation.com/life/separation-anxiety/separation-anxiety-making-it-easier-everyone) without being upset
* Speak understandably
* Talk in complete sentences of five to six words
* Look at pictures and then tell stories
* Identify rhyming words
* Identify the beginning sound of some words
* Identify some [alphabet letters](https://www.familyeducation.com/school/early-learning-activities/box-abcs)
* Recognize some common sight words like "stop"
* Sort similar objects by color, size, and shape
* Recognize groups of one, two, three, four, and five objects
* [Count to ten](https://www.familyeducation.com/school-learning/1st-grade-math)
* Bounce a ball

If your child has acquired most of the skills on this checklist and will be at least four years old at the start of the summer before he or she starts kindergarten, he or she is probably ready for kindergarten. What on the first day of school are children who are healthy, mature, capable, and eager to learn.