



Getting Ready For Kindergarten

The Caleb Greenwood Kindergarten team would like to welcome you and your child to our program!

Many parents have asked which skills are important for their child to know when starting kindergarten. The following skills will help your child prepare for Kindergarten:

- Recognize their name
- Write their first name with the first letter capital and the rest lower case
- Recognize and name colors
- Count to and recognize (out of order) numbers 1-10
- Cut with scissors using correct grip
- Use a glue stick
- Hold a pencil (using proper grip)
- Understand the words/concepts: first, middle, last, over, under, in, front, and behind
- Recognize upper and lower case letters
- Be able to zip, button, and snap clothing

If they have all of the skills above, incoming kindergarten students could practice the following skills:

- Write first and last name with first letter capital and the rest lower case
- Know the sounds of letters
- Begin reading some basic sight words: I, a, the, and, see, we, is, here
- Know the parts of a book (front cover, back cover, how to track words)
- Count to 20 and recognize numbers 1-20
- Recognize shapes (circle, square, rectangle, hexagon, triangle, parallelogram, and oval)
- Tie their shoes
- Identify left and right
- Know age, address, birthdate, and phone number