



Kindergarten Entry Goals

Children are natural learners. Their innate curiosity, sense of wonder and exploratory nature are traits that will be fostered and nourished in Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will experience growth in the following curricular areas: Social Readiness, Self-Help Skills, Work Habits, Reading, Writing, Science, Technology, Math, Social Studies, Health & Safety, Music, Art and Physical Education.

Your child is prepared for a successful Kindergarten learning experience when she or he:

- Is 5-years-old by September 1, 2021
- Demonstrates increasing comfort with separation from family/caregivers
- Manages clothing, bathroom use and outdoor gear independently
- Speaks their first and last name when asked
- Shares their parents/caregivers first and last name when asked
- Asks for help when needed
- Tries hard to complete a task of interest
- Enjoys reading together and is careful handling books
- Writes their first name
- Recognizes some letters and can make their sounds
- Sings rhyming songs such as "Humpty Dumpty" and "Baa Baa Black Sheep"
- Asks: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How questions
- Labels how she or he is feeling
- Labels how a friend or family member is feeling
- Counts to 10
- Can identify "more" and "less"
- Enjoys puzzles
- Draws a picture and replaces the marker cap when finished
- Labels 5 shapes
- Moves safely from one place to the next, quickly and slowly

Practice at Home

You can support your child at home by:

- Reading together
- Counting items in the grocery cart
- Talking about feelings and singing songs
- Encouraging independence in the bathroom and with dressing
- Playing together imaginatively
- Writing your names together - then talk about the letter names and their sounds
- Practicing your home address and phone number

Great Start to Kindergarten

PLSAS is committed to preparing instruction that caters to the unique learning needs of all children. "Great Start to Kindergarten" assessments for students will be held August 2-13, 2021.

Have you scheduled your Early Childhood Screening?
Call: (952) 226-0975

Children reaching the age of 5 between Sept. 2 and Oct. 15 may meet specific criteria for early entrance in kindergarten.
Call your building principal for details.

