

# Things to Know and Work on Before Coming to Kindergarten

- holding a pencil
- cutting with scissors
- shapes & colors
- phone number & address
- write & be able to identify first name
- directional/positional words (above, below, top, bottom, over, under, beside, in-between, middle, first, last, behind, next to, in front of)
- count orally & objects from 1-10
- discriminate between letters & numbers
- name & identify letters (uppercase & lowercase) \*[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)\*
- listening & following multi-step directions
- sharing & taking turns with others
- working with others
- independence (bathroom, dressing/zippering, blowing nose, tying shoes, put backpack on, buckle seat belt)
- social skills
- lunch & snack (etiquette, awareness of time, independence)- take 20 minutes out of your day to have your child practice eating lunch
- make sure your child can open any food container you send to school
- no forks or knives in lunchboxes - spoons only
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- backpacks should be standard size so that a regular folder can fit in them- please no wheels