

# The Wave Pre-Kindergarten Skill Foundations

## Primary Skills

*These skills are our first priority as we are preparing our students for kindergarten.*

1. Knows their first & last name, birthday & age
2. Prints their name
3. Recognizes letters & some of their sounds
4. Recognizes & draws simple shapes
5. Counts & recognizes numbers 0-31
6. Cuts with some accuracy
7. Draws themselves with some details
8. Repeats a 6-8 word sentence
9. Grips & controls pencil correctly
10. Follows multi-step directions

## Secondary Skills

*These skills are our second priority and will be focused on as students develop the Primary Skills.*

1. Counts to 20-50-100
2. Counts by 1s, 10s, 5s
3. Writes some numbers
4. Express self verbally & clearly understood
5. Takes care of toilet needs independently
6. Maintains self control
7. Works independently
8. Can transition between tasks easily
9. Walk a straight line

## Further Kindergarten Readiness Skills

*These skills will be introduced throughout the year based on the students' development level.*

*We do not expect all Pre-K students to master these skills by the end of the year.*

### Academic

- Answers questions about a short story
- Knows some rhyming words
- Knows the meanings of simple words
- Knows opposites (hot/cold)
- Knows positional words (top/bottom)
- Can count objects (1:1 correspondence)
- Can put together a simple puzzle
- Can count on to do simple addition

### Motor

- Run, jump, hop, march
- Stand on one foot 5 to 10 seconds
- Walk backward for 5 feet
- Throws a ball
- Paste pictures on a paper
- Tie a knot, zip, or button
- Knows left from right

### Social Development

- Identifies other children by name
- Cares for own belongings
- Gets along with other children
- Recognizes authority
- Shares with others
- Talks easily
- Helps with clean up & puts toys away
- Age appropriate attention span
- Recognizes body parts
- Knows parents' names