

# Getting Your Child Ready For Kindergarten

## Fine Motor Skills

- HOLDS SCISSORS CORRECTLY  
[TEACH YOUR CHILD TO USE SCISSORS](#)  
[CUTTING LINES PRACTICE](#)  
[TRACE AND CUT SHAPES](#)  
[CUTTING PRACTICE](#)
- HOLDS A PENCIL CORRECTLY  
[CORRECT PENCIL GRIP](#)

## Social Skills

- UNDERSTANDS HOW TO USE WORDS INSTEAD OF BEING PHYSICAL WHEN ANGRY OR FRUSTRATED  
[FIVE WAYS TO TEACH YOUR CHILD ANGER MANAGEMENT SKILLS](#)
- IS SOCIAL WITH OTHER CHILDREN, AND IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ADULTS
- FOLLOWS SIMPLE DIRECTIONS  
[FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS](#)
- GOES TO THE BATHROOM BY HIM/HERSELF
- IS ABLE TO BUTTON PANTS AND TUCK IN HIS/HER SHIRT  
["HOW TO TIE SHOES" YOUTUBE VIDEO](#)
- WAITS HIS/HER TURN AND SHARES  
["HOW CAN I TEACH MY CHILD TO TAKE TURNS?"](#)  
["HOW TO TEACH CHILDREN HOW TO SHARE"](#)
- CAN BE SEPARATED FROM CAREGIVERS  
[HOW TO EASE YOUR CHILD'S SEPARATION ANXIETY](#)

## Academic Skills

- RECOGNIZES SHAPES (SQUARE, CIRCLE, TRIANGLE, RECTANGLE)  
[SHAPE ACTIVITIES](#)  
[NAME THAT SHAPE YOUTUBE VIDEO](#)
- UNDERSTANDS CONCEPT WORDS SUCH AS UP, DOWN, IN, OUT, BEHIND, OVER  
[DIRECTIONAL AND POSITIONAL WORKSHEETS](#)
- COUNTS FROM 1 TO 20  
[COUNT TO 20 SONG YOUTUBE VIDEO](#)  
[NUMBERS IN THE TEENS \(THEY START WITH A 1\) VIDEO](#)
- KNOWS THE COLORS  
[THE COLOR SONG YOUTUBE VIDEO](#)
- WRITES HIS/HER NAME WITH A CAPITAL FIRST LETTER AND THE REST LOWERCASE LETTERS  
[NAME ACTIVITIES](#)
- KNOWS PERSONAL INFORMATION:
  - KNOWS HIS/HER FULL NAME
  - KNOWS HOW OLD HE/SHE IS
  - KNOWS HIS/HER MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S FIRST NAMES

## Things To Really Focus On:

- LETTER RECOGNITION
- NUMBER RECOGNITION: 1-20
- WRITING HIS./HER NAME WITH PROPER CASING
- SCISSOR SKILLS
- BATHROOM SKILLS
- BUTTONING AND TYING SKILLS