

# SCHOOL READINESS GOALS

## SKILLS THAT CHILDREN NEED TO SUCCEED IN KINDEGARTEN

*Kids come from PIC so ready for kindergarten-- Beyond the academics, they are curious, social, and they know how to solve problems.*

-Penn Alexander Kindergarten teacher



### SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Expresses feelings appropriate to the situation
- Knows own preferences and abilities
- Can suggest simple solutions to conflict
- Can follow rules and routines



### MATH AND SCIENCE

- Counts to 20
- Knows written numbers 1 to 10
- Understands simple addition and subtraction
- Names squares, circles, triangles and rectangles
- Describes the position or order of objects (first, next to)
- Compares two objects (bigger, taller, heavier)
- Sorts, counts, and compares quantities



### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Tries to solve problems in different ways, gets needed help
- Manipulates small objects
- Moves whole body with confidence



### LANGUAGE

- Recognizes 10 upper case and 10 lower case letters
- Recognizes name or other words in print
- Makes beginning sounds in short words
- Matches 6-10 letters with their sounds
- Remembers details from stories
- Uses cover and pictures to talk about a book
- Writes own name, with most letters correct
- Plans and tells, draws, or writes a story
- Speaks in understandable sentences
- Responds appropriately to directions and questions
- Talks with familiar adults and peers
- Uses few grammatical errors in conversation



### APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Shows interest in new experiences
- Acts out familiar scenarios, gives out and/or takes on roles
- Persists in chosen activities, even when they get hard
- Breaks tasks into steps and does them one at a time

These 30 school readiness goals are based on the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) Kindergarten Entry Inventory.

