



## The following items are skills pre-k students need to know in preparation for school in the Fall:

- Knows how to hold a book and turn pages, and can identify the front and back covers
- Understands that print carries a message, and that print is read in stories.
- Participates in rhyming games
- Participates in alliteration games.
- Identifies familiar signs and labels.
- Can identify 10 or more alphabet letters, especially the letters in their own name (uppercase and lowercase, sounds)
- Begins to recognize beginning sounds in spoken words and other letter-sound matches.
- Uses new vocabulary and grammar in their speech.
- Uses verbs that end in "ing," such as walking or talking, and uses some irregular past tense verbs such as ran and fell.
- Understands and follows oral directions.
- Understands and recalls simple sequences of events in stories.
- Understands complex questions, and can answer "why" questions.
- Connects information and events in stories to life experiences.
- Writes" (scribbles) messages in letter-like shapes as part of playful activity.
- Begins to draw more recognizable letters and knows to use letters to represent meaningful words — including their names or phrases such as "I love you."
- Calls attention to my own writing: "Look at my story."
- Observes others writing for a purpose and wants to try it, too.

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