

UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

This document is intended to be informative regarding a child's readiness for kindergarten. We understand that not all children will be at the same developmental stages to master these skills. All children are welcome to enter kindergarten if they are at least 5 years old by September 1. If you have any questions about your child's readiness for kindergarten, please contact Principal John Hamann at Underwood School — 218-826-6101.

Listening and Speaking

- Sits and listens to stories read aloud - individually and in a group setting
- Follows 2-3 step directions
- Answers simple questions accurately
- Speaks clearly enough to be understood by everyone

Social/Emotional

- Works and plays well with others –taking turns, sharing, and respecting others
- Follows rules, routines, and recognizes authority
- Comfortably separates from caregiver

Reading

- Familiar with the components of books - cover, top, bottom, and left to right
- Predicts what will happen next in stories - retells a simple story
- Recognizes and identifies all letters - upper/lower case
- Can rhyme words
- Knows letter sounds

Writing

- Writes letters and draws pictures
- Writes first name with first letter uppercase and rest lowercase

Physical

- Under caregiver guidance — leads a healthy lifestyle with exercise, 10-12 hours of sleep, healthy diet, well child checkup, and limited screen time
- Performs self help skills - dressing, toileting, and tying shoes
- Can use pencils with proper pencil grip, silverware, paintbrushes, and scissors
- Can run, jump, dance, balance and throw

Math and Science

- Names basic shapes and colors
- Counts to 20
- Counts objects one at a time forwards and backwards to 10
- Identifies numbers 0 to 10

Arts

- Have played with paint, crayons, and playdough