

# READY... SET... GO...

## HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO BY THE START OF KINDERGARTEN

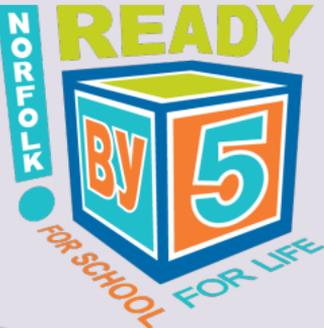


- ✓ Hold conversations, listen, ask and answer questions
- ✓ Listen to and enjoy stories and rhymes

- ✓ Follow directions, routines, and express needs and wants
- ✓ Name familiar letters, numbers, colors, and shapes
- ✓ Play matching games



- ✓ Count objects by touching each one
- ✓ Recognize and identify rhyming patterns in nursery rhymes and stories



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- Say first and last name
- Throw, bounce, and catch a large ball
- Build a tower with 5 blocks

- Use pencils, crayons, paintbrushes, and scissors
- Distinguish between pictures and text in books



- Open and hold a book correctly
- Demonstrate where to begin reading (left to right)

**Play is important.  
It allows your child to create,  
explore, share, resolve conflicts,  
and use imagination.**

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for expanded checklists to make sure your child is ready.

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