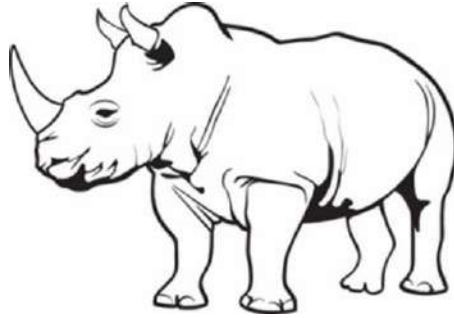# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Academic Skills

- Knows full name, address, and phone number
- Knows his/ her birthday (month, day, year), age, and gender
- Writes name
- Recognizes letters in his/her name
- Recites alphabet
- Identifies some letters in the alphabet
- Names colors
- Understanding of positional words (under, over, behind)
- Sorts objects by color, size, and shape
- Recognizes numerals up to 10
- Orally counts to 10
- Counts objects to 10
- Can find the object that doesn't belong in a group of like objects
- Understands the difference between similarities and differences
- Recognizes basic shapes (triangle, square, rectangle, circle)
- Understands comparison words (large, small, big, little)
- Draws a picture of him/ herself which includes a head, body, arms, legs, etc.

Language Development

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Understands conversations
- Speaks clearly
- Expresses his/ her needs clearly
- Expresses his/ her emotions and feelings appropriately with words
- Able to follow verbal directions
- Looks at pictures in a book and makes up a story to go with them
- Recognizes some familiar words in print (such as STOP)

- Uses language to categorize words
- Uses language to describe words (an elephant is big, grass is green)
- Uses language to define words

Social Emotional

- Listens to an adult and follows directions
- Independently Takes care of all toileting needs
- Dresses him/ herself, zips and/ or buttons own clothing
- Adjusts well to new situations without parents being present
- Separates easily from parents without getting upset
- Follows 2 or 3 step oral directions
- Stays on task for at least 10 minutes without constant attention or encouragement (example: listen to a story, work on an assignment)
- Shares and takes turns
- Has a basic understanding of right and wrong
- Is aware of other's feelings and can show empathy
- Can play games with simple rules

Motor Skills

- Puts puzzles together
- Grips pencil/ crayon correctly
- Understands how to hold scissors and can cut basic lines
- Draws and colors pictures that are recognizable
- Copies shapes
- Runs, jumps, hops, throws, catches, and bounces a ball
- Can hold a book and turn one page at a time
- Colors within the lines