

Helpful Skills for Starting Kindergarten

- *Zip, snap, velcro and/or tie shoes*
- *Button and zip pants*
- *Button and zip jackets*
- *Tend to personal needs (bathroom, hand washing, blowing nose and etc...)*
- *Communicate needs and express emotions appropriately*
- *Exhibit appropriate school behavior - respect authority, follow rules, 1st time listening, keep hands to self, accept consequences, and follow two/three step directions*
- *Exhibit appropriate attention span*
- *Show responsibility*
- *Handle separation from family*
- *Speak in complete sentences*
- *Share and take turns*
- *Work well with others*
- *Recognize name*
- *Know some/most letter names*
- *Know some/most letter sounds*
- *Recognize numbers 1-10*
- *Color neatly*
- *Hold pencil and scissors correctly*
- *Recognize colors*
- *Recognize some/all basic shapes*
- *Listen to stories*
- *Buckle and unbuckle car seat*

Backpacks: Please buy one that is big enough to hold a folder and library book. Please do not buy a backpack with many zipper pockets or wheels. Wheeled backpacks are not necessary and become a safety hazard when the kids are in line.

Clothing: We encourage the children to wear comfortable play clothes and shoes. Be sure that your child wears, or carries in their backpack, tennis shoes on the day that they have PE for their co-curr class. For further explanation of the KISD Dress Code, follow the link on the KISD website:

<https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/1558>

