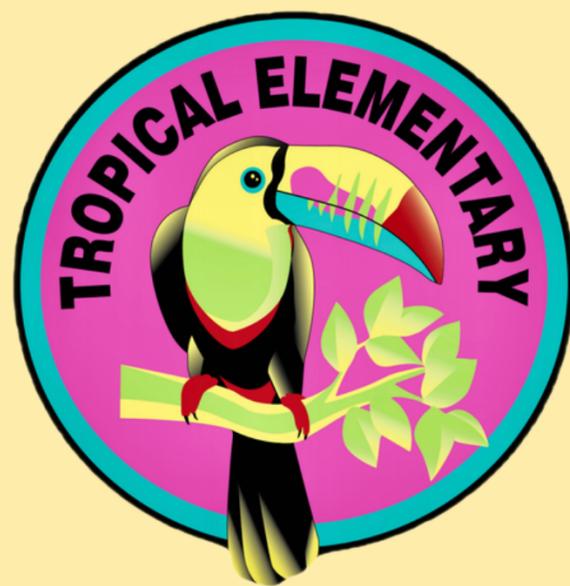


10 THINGS EVERY CHILDS NEEDS TO KNOW BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



01

Verbalize Wants and Needs

Children who greet one another, ask their teachers for what their need, negotiate well with peers and speak up for themselves will do well socially in Kindergarten.



02

Write Their Names

Ideally, children will write their first names from left to right with a capital letter.



03

Handle a Book

A child should be able to locate the cover, hold it the right direction, turn pages from left to right and locate the text. The one and only way to teach this skill is to read to your child every single day. Have books everywhere. Read, read, read!



04

Get Themselves Dressed

Kindergarteners need to be able to dress themselves, button their pants and put on their jackets. Don't panic if he can't tie their shoe yet, keep practicing and consider velcro shoes for the beginning of the school year.



05

Be Independent in the Bathroom

Students must be able to handle their own pants, wipe themselves, clean up after themselves and wash their own hands. Teach them how to put paper on the seat if this is important for you. This one's important!



06

Use Scissors, Glue and Crayons

There's a lot of coloring, cutting and pasting in Kindergarten. The child who already know how to use their school supplies, will be off to a great start.



07

Identify Some Letters and Letter Sounds

Starting with the letters of their name, children who are entering Kindergarten should know many of the letters. It's helpful if they also know that letters make sound, but not imperative that they know all the sounds.



08

Count to 10

Kindergartners should be able to rote count (1,2,3,...) through 10 and also be able to count a set of objects with good 1:1 correspondence (pointing to one object at a time while counting consecutively). Writing 1-10 is a plus!



09

Rhyme

There is research that shows that children who have good phonological awareness skills (rhyming is one of them!) tend to become better readers. Read books with rhymes. Play with rhyming words.



10

Separate from their Parents

Separation anxiety is very common among children who are just beginning school. Be sure your child is confident and comfortable with separating from you during arrival.

