



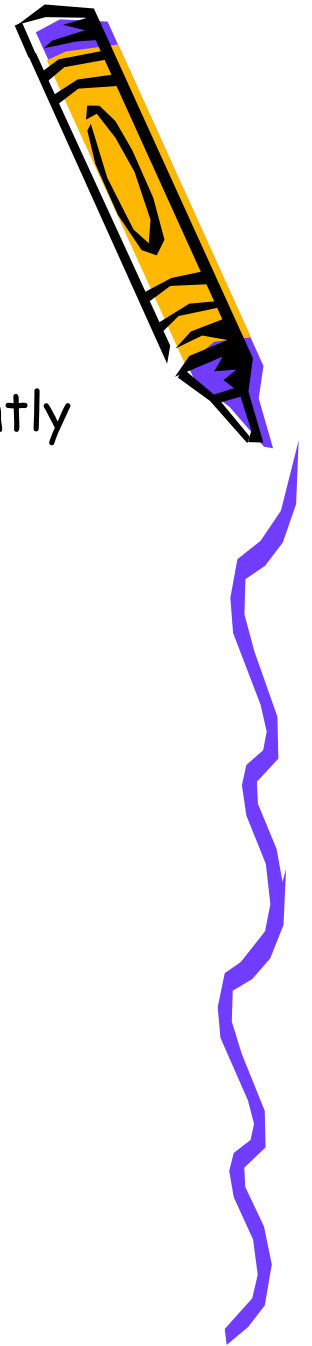
Kindergarten Orientation 2010 - 2011

Haddam Elementary School



Self Help Skills/ Nurse's Notes

- Puts clothing and belongings in proper place independently
- Snaps, buttons, zips, opens containers
- Uses bathroom independently
- Uses tissues
- Sits and eats using appropriate behavior
- Expresses needs and beginning to problem solve
- Promotion of healthy eating and healthy snacks
- Proper hygiene
- Change of clothes
- Weather changes
- Physical form/medication forms



Fine Motor Readiness

- Can hold a pencil, crayon or marker without fist grip
- Cuts with scissors with some accuracy
- Picks up small objects using pincher grip
- Uses glue sticks, paint brushes and other tools with confidence



Social-Emotional Readiness

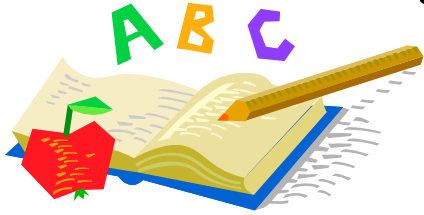
Emotional readiness is as important as academic readiness!



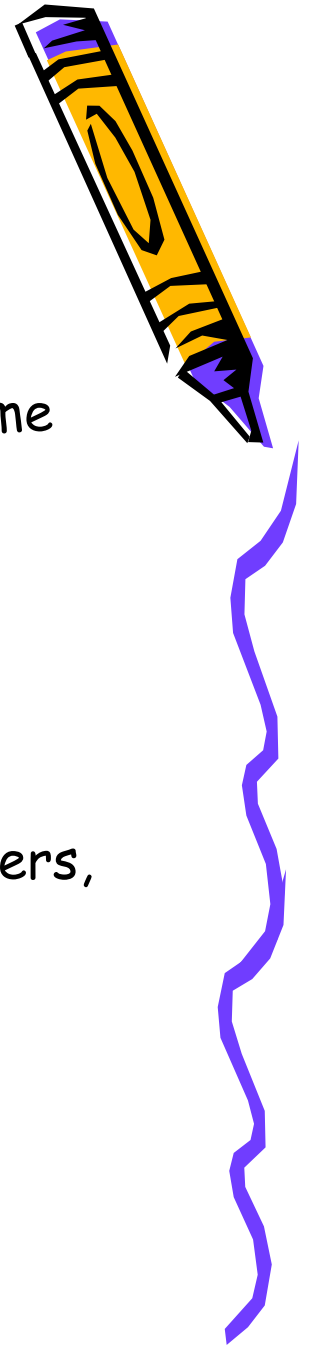
- Can your child readily separate from you?
- Can your child sit and attend to an activity for 15 minutes or more? (This does not include television or computer time.)
- Can your child follow two-step directions?
- Can your child tolerate frustration?
- Can your child confront challenges constructively?
- Can he or she take turns and share?
- Can he or she follow rules of board games?
- Can your child manage his feelings when denied own way?
- Accept that she is part of a group?
- Engage in activities that don't reflect his personal preferences?
- Is your child willing to try new things?
- Will he or she participate in discussions?
- Demonstrate compliance with requests of adults first time asked?
- Independently begins to problem solve?



Academic Readiness



- Recognizes printed name and can identify letters in name
- Knows counting sequence 1 to 10
- Knows and identifies colors and shapes
- Child holds books correctly and turns pages
- Child looks at pictures and notices details
- Recites rhymes, chants, and engages in music
- Notices letters and some words
- Interacts with environmental print—cereal boxes, posters, grocery store, commercials, containers
- Child shows interest in learning
- Most important READ, READ, READ!





Full Day Kindergarten Schedule

(This is an approximate schedule)



8:40 - 9:00 Morning Routines

Welcome, unpack bags, notes, attendance,
milk/lunch count, pledge, morning work

9:00 - 9:15 Morning Meeting

Daily message, calendar, weather, poems

9:15 - 10:15 Literacy Activities

Shared reading, shared writing, phonemic
awareness, small group work

10:15 - 10:45 Snack/Recess

10:45 - 11:30 Learning Centers

LA, writers workshop, reader's workshop

11:30 -12:15 Math Activities

Small and whole group instructions, manipulative
explorations

12:15 - 12:45 Specials

Art, PE, Music, Computer, Library

12:45 - 1:30 Lunch/Recess

1:30 -1:50 Quiet Time and Shared Reading

Rest, read aloud, silent sustained reading,
quiet music, quiet work time

1:50 - 2:45 Learning Centers/Developmental
Centers/Social Studies/Science

Small group reading, writers workshop, art,
dramatic play, sand/water, puzzles, blocks,
Legos, games

2:45 - 3:05 Afternoon Meeting

Interactive read aloud, language/word play,
shared writing

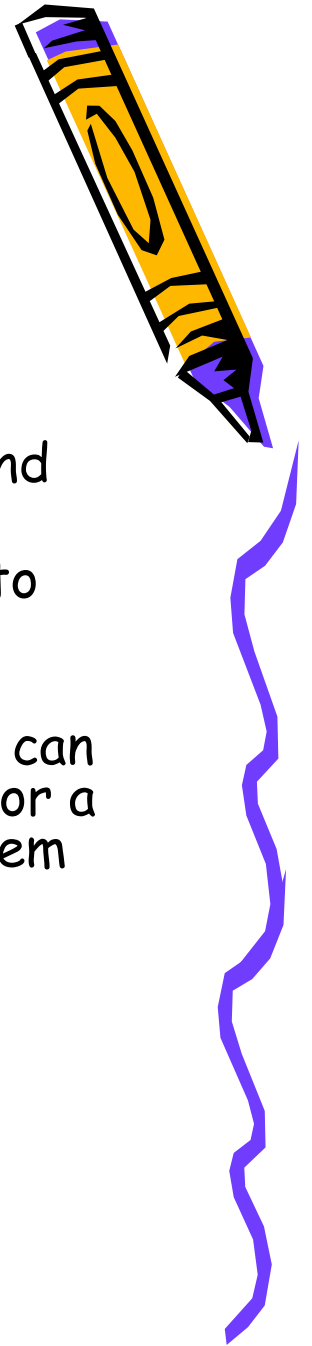
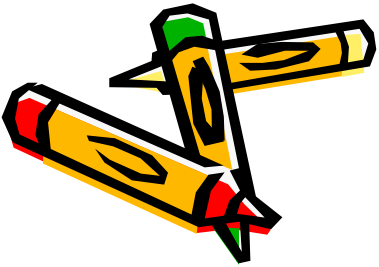
3:05 -3:20 Get Ready for Dismissal

3:20 Dismissal Begins



What Can Parents Do?

- Read every day with your child!
- Expose your child to their printed name
- Allow your child time to explore art materials-make a mess!
- Provide times for your child to sit and work quietly on an independent task
- Practice taking turns and sharing
- Plan to purchase a backpack, lunch box and comfortable sneakers
- Encourage your child to solve problems independently
- If your child naps you can help them get ready for a full day by weaning them off naps by August



Things to Keep an Eye Out For

- Classroom Visit on May 26th from 1:30 - 2:30
- Kindergarten Screening June 1st
- Welcome to Kindergarten Letter in August
- Popsicle Party the day before school starts
- Ringing In Ceremony in September
 - Sign up for Conferences and for Volunteer Opportunities in Kindergarten
- Curriculum Night late September
- Parent-Teacher Conferences in October and meet the special area teachers
- Kindergarten Family Events
 - Thanksgiving Feast
 - January Snowman Celebration
 - Family Read Day in March

