



Pre-School Graduation Competency Goals (NMSDU):

This is the guideline set forth by our local school district of what they expect of children entering kindergarten. Our commitment is that each child will have the opportunity to exceed each of these expectations while providing clear feedback to parents regarding their child's developmental progress throughout the year, especially in the event that more assistance is needed in a particular area.

Language Skills

- Speak using complete sentences
- Use words to express needs and wants
- Understands two-step directions
- Classify objects according to their size, shape, and quantity
- Ask questions and are curious

Reading Readiness Skills

- Identify letters of the alphabet
- Listen to a story without interrupting
- Recognize familiar logos and signs, like stop signs
- Write first name using upper- and lowercase letters, if possible
- Identify rhyming words
- Draw a picture to help express an idea

Math Skills

- Count to ten without skipping numbers
- Understand "more than" and "less than"
- Can name basic shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)
- Can arrange objects in the right order (like from smallest to biggest)

Social and Emotional Skills

- Separate from parents easily
- Play independently or focus on one activity with a friend for up to 10 minutes
- Follow direction
- Ask for help

Fine Motor Skills

- Grip a pencil, crayon, or marker correctly (with the thumb and forefinger supporting the tip)
- Use scissors, glue, paint, and other art materials with relative ease
- Put together a simple puzzle

Self-Care Skills

- Manage bathroom needs
- Clean up after self
- Get dressed
- Know their full name, phone number, and birthday

Gross Motor Skills

- Bounce a ball
- Run
- Climb stairs