

Kindergarteners should be able to...

Listen	Speak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow simple 1 or 2 step directions in order • Listen and understand stories that are read aloud and are at age level • Follow a simple conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understood by most people • Answer "yes/no" questions that are simple • Answer open-ended questions (ex. What did you do at recess?) • Retell a story or discuss something that happened • Take turns in a conversation • Start a conversation or participate in the conversation
Read	Write
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how a book works (ex. read from left to right and top to bottom) • Understand that words that are spoken are made up of sounds • Match words that rhyme (ex. man and pan) • Compare and match word with the same or different sounds • Understand that letters stand for sounds made in speech • Can match the sound to the letters • Can identify upper and lowercase letters • Recognize some sight words • Tell as story to go along with a picture book • Pretend to read by talking about the pictures in the book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write first and last name • Draw a picture that tells a story and identify objects in the picture • Write (may be unclearly written) upper and lower-case letters