



# READY SET GROW!

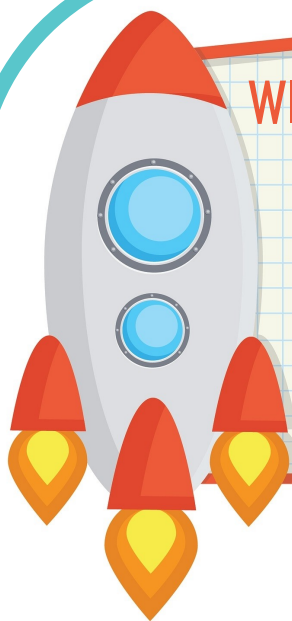
Change is often a great challenge to us all, young children included. Starting school is an exciting adventure. Our emphasis is very much on providing a most caring and supportive environment, all the more so in your child's early days at school. First impressions can be very lasting.

You can help your child adjust to this new experience by talking positively about school and school routines.

Encourage your child to look forward to enjoying school and learning to do new things.

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL?

## LET'S GET STARTED



## WILL THEY BE ABLE TO

- Sit still and listen to the teacher reading a story
- Listen without interrupting while another child talks
- Take turns on the playground
- learn new school routines
- Make friends at school

## OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Over the next few months refer to this list from time to time, tick off the things your child can do repeatedly, and practise the ones that your child cannot do at all or can only do sometimes. This routine will help your child succeed at school as well as at home.



## HELP YOUR CHILD TO...

- Know their full name and address
- Recognise their name in print
- Understand the danger of traffic, electricity, fire, water and heights
- Recognise their belongings
- Talk in sentences
- Communicate successfully with people outside immediate family
- Remember short songs and rhymes
- Dress without assistance
- Wash their face and hands
- Use the toilet without help, including cleaning oneself, flushing the cistern and washing hands
- Interact and play with other children
- Draw with crayons or paint at home
- Look after their belongings
- Look after other people's belongings
- Assist with household tasks
- Choose own TV program
- Discuss TV shows viewed
- Look at books and share stories
- Listen to stories, by reading together



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