Here are some things your child should be able to do by the start of Kindergarten:

- Hold conversations, listen, ask and answer questions
- Listen to and enjoy stories and rhymes
- Follow directions, routines, and express needs and wants
- Name familiar letters, numbers, colors, and shapes
- Play matching games
- Count objects by touching each one
- Recognize and identify rhyming patterns in nursery rhymes and stories

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Play is important. It allows your child to create, explore, share, resolve conflicts, and use imagination.

- Say first and last name
- Throw, bounce, and catch a large ball
- Build a tower with 5 blocks
- Use pencils, crayons, paintbrushes, and scissors
- Distinguish between pictures and text in books
- Open and hold a book correctly
- Demonstrate where to begin reading (left to right)

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