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**Life skills**

* Your child knows their first and last name and can recognize it in print.
* Your child is [**toilet-trained**](https://www.parentscanada.com/toddler/what-to-do-when-your-little-one-is-slow-to-potty-train/) and can (for the most part) manage their own clothing during bathroom breaks.
* Your child can identify their shoes/boots and outdoor clothing and knows how to button, buckle, zip and fasten.
* Your child can [**open lunch containers**](https://www.parentscanada.com/food/4-amazing-bento-boxes-and-what-to-put-inside-them/) and feed themselves.
* Your child understands authority and can abide by rules with little reminding.
* Your child can follow instructions and ask for help if needed.
* Your child can use words like please, thank you and you’re welcome.
* Your child understands and handles transitions between activities with little difficulty.
* Your child tries to self-regulate and articulate their feelings in words.
* Your child can play cooperatively with others (most of the time…).
* Your child is excited by learning new things and accepts that they [**will sometimes make mistakes**](https://www.parentscanada.com/preschool/tips-for-parents-whose-children-suffer-from-perfectionism/) (and that it’s okay and even encouraged!).

**Classroom basics**

* Your child can identify colours.
* Your child can recognize the difference between numbers and letters.
* Your child can identify how objects are the same and different.
* Your child can hold a crayon or pencil correctly.
* Your child can cut with scissors.
* Your child can do an age-appropriate puzzle.

**Literacy basics**

* Your child will sit and listen quietly to a story, following the plotline.
* Your child will look at the pictures in a book independently.
* Your child can put the events of a story timeline in chronological order.
* Your child can explain what happens to a character and how they might feel.
* Your child can draw pictures to tell a story.
* Your child scribbles or imitates letters as “writing.”
* Your child asks you to write notes to others and can dictate what they want to say.

**Numeracy and mathematics basics**

* Your child can make more-or-less comparisons.
* Your child can count using one-to-one correspondence (points to each object as they count).
* Your child can recognize and name basic shapes.
* Your child is starting to notice patterns in their every day environment.