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Is your child ready for school? It's an important question. In *Ready or Not, Woolbur Goes to School*, Woolbur tackles many of the benchmarks used to determine readiness and allays fears associated with attending school for the first time.

- ✓ **Basic self-care.** Child performs basic care like dressing himself, combing hair, and bathroom visits alone.
- ✓ **Communication.** Your child should be able to make himself understood with adults and peers.
- ✓ **Recognition of letters and numbers.** It's not necessary to know the entire alphabet but children should recognize some letters and numbers up to 10.
- ✓ **Fine and gross motor skills.** Your child should have practice jumping and running, throwing a ball, and holding a pencil and scissors.
- ✓ **Get along with peers.** Your child should be able to share and take turns.
- ✓ **Adapt.** Can your child adapt to new and unexpected events—like eating different foods, playing games with different rules and/or riding a bus?
- ✓ **Orientation.** Can your child tell if a book or painting is upside down or right side up?
- ✓ **Shows an interest in learning.** Will answer questions, participate in activities and listen to stories and songs.

Help the children in your life prepare for success.

To read more about readiness try these websites:

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/306-school-readiness-infographic>

<http://brightbeginnersacademy.com/kindergarten-readiness-quiz/>

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/is-your-child-ready-for-kindergarten/>

<https://www.care.com/c/stories/3270/8-signs-that-your-child-is-ready-to-start-kindergarten/>

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/ready-for-kindergarten-checklist/>