

Kindergarten Readiness

St. Francis Xavier School offers the State of Florida's Voluntary PreK Program (VPK) to children who are four years old before September 1. The VPK curriculum is a very good one and, at St. Francis, the curriculum is taught by faculty who are state certified in Early Childhood Education. Since the time that we first implemented the VPK program, we have seen that children who go into our kindergarten directly from our VPK are already familiar with the skills listed below. We ask that you use this list as a "summer guide" for preparing your child for kindergarten at St. Francis Xavier School. Thank you very much!

Students entering Kindergarten at St. Francis should know the following:

- Their own first and last names
- How to print their own name
- All uppercase letters, A-Z
- One sound for each of these letters
- Counting from 1-31
- How to write the numbers from 0-10
- Be able to recognize and identify the numbers from 0-20
- Identify the colors red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, black, white
- Identify these basic shapes: circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval
- How to trace, cut, and glue
- How to follow one and two-step directions
- How to take care of bathroom needs independently

