

"Where to Focus" Checklist

Age 6 Benchmarks for Reading, Math, Writing & Social Skills

Reading & Literacy

- Recognizes all 26 uppercase letters
- Recognizes most lowercase letters
- Knows the sound for most letters
- Blends sounds to read CVC words (cat, dog, sit)
- Recognizes 10–20 sight words
- Retells a simple story in order

Math & Number Sense

- Counts to 20 or beyond
- Counts objects accurately (one-to-one) to 10+
- Recognizes written numbers 0–20
- Understands more/less/equal with small groups
- Solves simple addition within 5 (with objects)
- Solves simple subtraction within 5 (with objects)

Writing & Fine Motor

- Writes first name
- Forms most letters (some reversals are normal)
- Copies simple words or short sentences
- Holds pencil with correct grip
- Draws basic shapes (circle, square, triangle)

Social & Attention Skills

- ☐ Takes turns with peers
- ☐ Follows 2–3 step directions
- ☐ Sits and focuses for 10–15 minutes on a task
- ☐ Works cooperatively in a small group
- ☐ Expresses needs and feelings with words

Daily Routine to Close Gaps

- ☐ 5 min: Reading practice (phonics, sight words, or read-aloud)
- ☐ 5 min: Math practice (counting, number recognition, addition)
- ☐ 3 min: Writing or weakness focus area

Next Steps

- Check the boxes your child can do confidently
- Focus daily practice on unchecked areas
- Reassess every 4 weeks to track progress
- Talk to teacher if no progress after 4–6 weeks of daily practice

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