



POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15  
Serving the Communities of Middlebury and Southbury, Connecticut  
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## Expectations for Beginning Kindergarten

- ❖ Self-help skills, e.g., putting on coats, backpacks, using bathroom, picking-up after self, following directions.
- ❖ Ability to focus for a short time (8 – 10 minutes) in a group setting, e.g., listening to a story, listening to older children.
- ❖ Ability to verbally express needs, e.g., telling teacher what is needed, explaining situations.
- ❖ Social skills, e.g., able to share, play in appropriate manner, simple conflict resolution.
- ❖ Academic Skills:
  - Exposure to colors, shapes, letters, and numbers
  - Recognition of full name written correctly in upper and lower case letters or recognition of some of the letters in first name
  - Exposure to a variety of experiences using writing/drawing materials appropriately, i.e. crayons, markers, pencils
  - Language development as a base for building further learning, e.g., general knowledge and expressive/receptive language
  - Exposure to books, e.g., being read to at home and in preschool
  - Experiences with writing name
  - Experiences with fine motor activities, i.e., cutting, pasting, puzzles, paints, sand and water

Please note: We recognize that children come to Kindergarten with a wide range of skills. Many children may enter Kindergarten at the beginning stage of skill development or be advanced in some skill areas.