

**Monthly Message:**  
Language and  
Communication



**KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE of EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Ready to Grow, Ready to Learn & Ready to Succeed



Help your child understand the world around them  
... one piece at a time



## Ten Language & Communication markers of Kindergarten Readiness

- 1) Knows full name and is learning home address
- 2) Is learning to write his or her first and last name
- 3) Uses pictures to tell stories and describes uses for objects
- 4) Speaks in five or six word sentences
- 5) Can respond to 'how' and 'where' questions
- 6) Demonstrates understanding of prepositions (in, on, over)
- 7) Tells what common things are made of and understands what opposites are
- 8) Follows three-step directions
- 9) Reads common words from a familiar environment
- 10) Points words out and emphasizes sounds

## What is school readiness in Kentucky?

In Kentucky School Readiness means that a child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success.

Go online at [bit.ly/school-readiness](http://bit.ly/school-readiness) to download the entire school readiness definition.

## Where can I find more resources?



Visit us online  
[bit.ly/kykidsnow](http://bit.ly/kykidsnow)

• Use the PBS Child Development Tracker for information on the stages of growth found at [bit.ly/development-tracker](http://bit.ly/development-tracker).

• Download Kentucky Partnership's Early Childhood Services guide at [bit.ly/childhood-services](http://bit.ly/childhood-services)

• Learn more about your child's development with the Developmental Timeline found at [bit.ly/parenting-counts-timeline](http://bit.ly/parenting-counts-timeline).

## How can families help their child?

- Read to your child every day. Encourage your child to read to you!
- Encourage your child to draw.
- Introduce new words
- Give your child something to write about.
- Encourage your child to write his/her name
- Talk about the weather with your child. Is it sunny or cloudy? Hot or cold?
- Make every moment a learning moment. Have conversations with your child every day about the world around them!

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