

**Immanuel Lutheran School – Silo**  
**KEYS TO KINDERGARTEN**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

Children develop at different paces. This is a guide to help you prepare for your child's kindergarten experience. While not every skill below has to be mastered before kindergarten, these are skills that we look for mastery on by the end of kindergarten. Please mark the boxes for each descriptor that applies to your child most of the time. Please return this form with the other kindergarten registration forms.

**Social/Emotional/Behavior**

- Interacts/plays/shares with others
- Waits and takes turns
- Adjusts to new situations, transitions, including cleaning up
- Makes independent choices
- Attends to an activity or story for 10+ minutes
- Uses please and thank you
- Covers coughs and sneezes

**Physical**

- Manages bathroom needs and washes hands independently
- Dresses and undresses oneself including buttons or zippers
- Puts on and fastens own shoes independently
- Cuts, traces, paints, draws, and holds a pencil
- Plays with puzzles
- Runs, hops, jumps, throws, and catches

**Language**

- Verbally expresses wants and needs
- Talks about everyday activities
- Initiates conversation in play (i.e. asks a friend to play)
- Asks and answers questions
- Says full name
- Has been read to individually or in groups
- Exposed to a variety of literature (Bible stories, fairy tales, nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction/nonfiction)
- Understands print (finds letters or words)
- Uses pictures in books to tell a story
- Rhymes words or identifies beginning sounds
- Recognizes a majority of alphabet letters from random order
- Identifies sounds of alphabet letters
- Recognizes first name in print
- Writes first name using upper and lower case letters
- Beginning to know phone number, address, and birthday

**Cognitive**

- Sorts items by color, shape, and size
- Recognizes colors
- Identifies shapes: square, circle, triangle, rectangle, rhombus
- Counts to 20 and counts objects
- Recognizes numbers 0-10 from random order
- Identifies short patterns (i.e. red, blue, red, blue or circle, square, triangle, circle..)
- Has had exposure to coins

## General Health

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child on any kind of medication? \_\_\_\_\_ What? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel your child will need any special help in the following areas (circle all areas of concern):

Hearing / Vision / Speech

Does your child wear glasses or contacts?

## Personality Traits

Please answer the following Yes / No questions regarding your child.

Cries easily Yes / No Daydreams Yes / No

Is cooperative Yes / No Is easily angered Yes / No

Is moody Yes / No Is easily frustrated Yes / No

Has temper tantrums Yes / No Is fearful in new situations Yes / No

Which of these words or phrases best describes your child?

\_\_\_\_\_ self-controlled or \_\_\_\_\_ lacks self-control

\_\_\_\_\_ independent or \_\_\_\_\_ dependent

\_\_\_\_\_ pleasant or \_\_\_\_\_ disagreeable

\_\_\_\_\_ attentive or \_\_\_\_\_ inattentive

\_\_\_\_\_ confident or \_\_\_\_\_ shy

\_\_\_\_\_ follows directions or \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't follow directions

What do you expect your child to acquire through the kindergarten experience?

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