

# GRACE ACADEMY

## Kindergarten Readiness

*Incoming Kindergarten Families,*

*It is an absolute pleasure to welcome you and your student(s) to the Grace Academy Kindergarten Program! In an effort to do our part in partnering with you to set your child(ren) up for success in the classroom, we have compiled a list of areas that you can assist your child in practicing & ideally mastering prior to the beginning of the school year this August!*

### **Self-Help:**

- manages own bathroom needs independently/fully toilet-trained
- puts on/takes off own jacket/hoodie
- confident with buttons, zippers & shoelaces
- washes own hands
- cleans up toys after playing
- manages own basic snacktime/lunchtime needs (cleans up after own self)

### **Social Development:**

- listens without interrupting
- understands actions have both causes & effects
- begins to share with others
- recognizes and respects authority
- demonstrates self-control
- separates easily from parents

### **Fine Motor:**

- writes/colors with a solid pencil grip
- cuts with scissors
- traces basic shapes & lines

### **Reading:**

- recognizes rhyming sounds/words (rhyming books are great)
- looks at pictures and tells stories
- A-Z letter identification
- begins to identify beginning sounds of some words
- read with your child often (cannot emphasize this enough)*

### **Mathematics:**

- understands general times of day
- recites days of the week
- recites months of the year
- sorts common objects by size, shape & color
- identifies basic shapes
- identifies numbers 0-20 (or more)
- counts 1-30 (or more)
- color identification
- coin identification & value
- tells time to the hour & half-hour

### **Supplies:**

*In addition to the School Supply List that you will receive from the school office this summer, your child will need a small tote bag labeled (clearly) with their name. Please avoid totes bags with zippers, drawstrings, buttons or other difficult closures. Tote bags need to only be large enough to hold your child's water bottle, hoodie and lunch bag. Please, no backpacks of any kind.*