



# getting ready for KINDERGARTEN

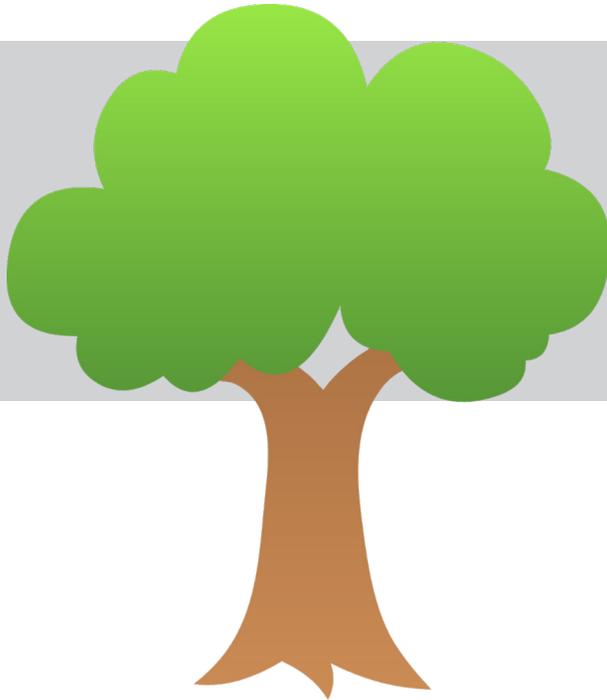
## Visit [RUSD.org/4K](http://RUSD.org/4K) to Register Online

4 year-old kindergarten is free for children who live within RUSD's boundaries. If your child will be 4 on or before September 1st, he/she is eligible for 4K.

Enrollment is not complete until you provide the following: Your child's birth certificate or baptismal record, proof of address (utility bill, deed or lease), and your child's immunization records. You can bring these documents to the Welcome Center (3109 Mt. Pleasant St.) or scan and email to [enrollment.center@rusd.org](mailto:enrollment.center@rusd.org).

## United Way of Racine County's Imagination Library

Did you know? All children under the age of 5 who live in Racine County are eligible to participate in Imagination Library through United Way of Racine County. After registering, your first book, *The Little Engine That Could*, will take 90 days to arrive at your home. Your child will then receive one free age-appropriate book each month until they turn 5. Register at [unitedwayracine.org/IL](http://unitedwayracine.org/IL).



### READY SCHOOL

- Makes student-centered decisions
- Develops strong relationships with students and families
- Sets high expectations for all students
- Respects equity and diversity
- Promotes collaboration and unity

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### READY FAMILY

- Acts as first teacher and advocate
- Provides nurturing and secure home
- Builds strong relationships with school to support student learning
- Meets health and wellness needs
- Mentors child's self-help skills

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### READY CHILD

- Demonstrates social/emotional skills
- Demonstrates language/literacy skills
- Demonstrates mathematical thinking
- Demonstrates fine/gross motor skills
- Demonstrates curiosity and openness to new experiences

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### READY COMMUNITY

- Provides equitable access to physical and mental healthcare
- Provides equitable access to high-quality care and early learning
- Provides supports from cradle to career
- Honors and embraces diversity
- Promotes family financial stability

With the support of a ready family, community, and school; ready children become healthy, capable, competent, and powerful learners prepared for college and career success. Learn more at [higherexpectationsracinecounty.org/kindergartenreadiness](http://higherexpectationsracinecounty.org/kindergartenreadiness).





# 5 Year-Old Kindergarten Readiness Checklist



Social/Emotional Skills		Language/Literacy Skills		Mathematical Thinking Skills	
	Follows limits and expectations		Holds a book and turns pages correctly		Counts aloud to 20
	Follows 1-3 step directions		Identifies 12-21 uppercase letters		Counts 10-20 objects accurately
	Shares and takes turns with others		Identifies 9 lowercase letters		Identifies quantities of "more," "less," or the "same"
	Manages feelings		Writes his/her name		Names shapes
	Cooperates with others		Retells a story		Identifies the next number in a sequence of 1-10
	Positively resolves conflicts with others		Recites nursery rhymes/identifies rhyming words		Adds small groups of objects
Fine Motor Skills		Self-Help Skills		Gross Motor Skills	
	Holds writing tools using a three-point finger grip		Takes care of own needs appropriately		Runs, gallops, and/or skips
	Cuts using scissors		Recognizes and states first and last name		Jumps up and down
	Draws a picture of themselves		Tends to toileting needs		Hops on one foot
	Colors in the lines		Tends to dressing needs		Catches and bounces a ball
	Strings large and small beads/other small objects		States his/her age		Balances on a 4 inch beam
	Buttons, zips, buckles, and laces		Forms relationships with others		Ability to change direction quickly when walking