

## **George Washington Academy** **Guidelines for Entering Kindergarten**

*Students entering Kindergarten at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.*

### **Language Arts:**

- Demonstrate both auditory and written recognition of first and last name.
- Recognize and identify ALL letters of the alphabet, both upper and lowercase.
- Write first name.

### **Math:**

- Recognize and identify numbers 1-30.
- Write numbers 1-20.
- Recognize and identify basic colors and shapes.

### **Behaviorally:**

- Follow simple 1-2 step directions independently.
- Be able to sit still and listen quietly when expected.
- Exhibit the independent motor skills in relation to: All bathroom necessities, putting backpack in cubby, putting on own coat/sweater, eating lunch, tying own shoes (or doing Velcro), wiping nose, etc.
- Able to function in a social setting (getting along with others, sharing, taking turns, lining up, etc.)

### **Homework Expectations:**

- Read nightly 15-20 minutes.
- Study nightly for weekly spelling and phonogram tests.
- Complete 1-2 math sheets nightly.
- Read sight words nightly.

### **Comments:**