School Readiness Skills

Below are traits that educators and researchers have identified as school readiness traits.

Pretend you are a kindergarten teacher. Think of the children who will be entering your classroom this year and the skills they will need to have to enter school optimally ready to learn. Rate the skills from 1-10 in order of their importance.

Has friends and plays with others
Pays attention
Has healthy eating and physical habits
Can count to 20 or more
Verbally communicates thoughts
Can identify sight words on paper
Identifies shapes and primary colors
Can lace beads onto a necklace
Puts together a simple puzzle
Waits for their turn
Now, draw a line between connected skills. They can connect to more than one point.
Measuring the impact of one skill to others provides a whole child perspective.

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