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When to refer to OT for school aged children? Possible RED FLAGS.

**Preschool Readiness:**

- Difficulties with completing routine self-care tasks (feeding, toileting, dressing, hand washing)
- Difficulties staying in seat at school
- Touching or licking other children
- Difficulties following simple directions
- Difficulties attending to small group instructions
- Not playing with peers
- Limited interest in fine motor activities (coloring, cutting, writing)
- Difficulties managing classroom materials (glue, open containers, up cap, re cap)
- Limited attention span or joint attention
- Difficulties transitioning between tasks
- Unwillingly to participate in novel activity

**Kindergarten Readiness:**

**\*\*Students should be able to do all of the above examples and the following**

- Beginning or already using single dominant hand for fine motor work
- Difficulties holding the pencil with tripod grasp
- Difficulties imitating letters
- Reversal of letters
- Pencil pressure is too little or too much
- Difficulties writing name
- Difficulties crossing midline
- Difficulties cutting out multi sided objects (circles, squares, triangles)
- Difficulties following classroom arrival/departure routines (put on or take off shoes/jacket with class)
- Difficulties tying shoes/ managing fasteners on clothing
- Difficulties catching/throwing/kicking a ball