



## ***4 Steps for Success***

1. Define 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
2. Why they're important
3. Kindergarten Readiness Skills
4. Action Plan

## **Step 1: What are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills?**

### ***21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills***

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Definition:**

A series of higher-order skills identified as being required for success in 21st Century society and workplaces.

These skills have been identified by professional educators, business leaders, academics, and governmental agencies as being crucial for students to master in preparation for success in a rapidly changing, digital society.

21<sup>st</sup> Century skills differ from traditional academic skills in that they are not primarily content knowledge-based.

*-Wikipedia*



## **Step 2: Why are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills so important?**

1. 85% of the jobs that will exist in 2030 haven't even been invented yet (IFTF)
2. Facebook and Amazon did NOT EXIST when most of their current employees were in grade school.
3. Digital Revolution “The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.” - *Alvin Toffler*

## **Step 3: Three most important kindergarten readiness skills**

1. Social Skills
2. Self-Regulation
3. Oral Language

### ***What they DON'T need...***

- ✓ Worksheets
- ✓ Apps/devices



#### Step 4: Action Plan

- ✓ Ask yourself these 3 questions when planning...
- ✓ More time for play
- ✓ You ARE a good teacher! Don't let the pressure get to you!

#### RESOURCES:

- Mind in the Making by Ellen Galinsky
- Ready for Kindergarten by Deborah J. Stewart
- The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease