

The U.S. still falls below other developed countries in literacy, math, and science proficiency.



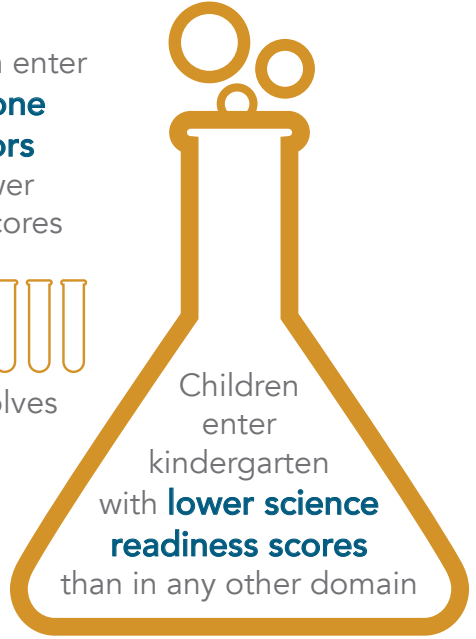
2 out of 5 children enter kindergarten with **one or more risk factors** associated with lower school readiness scores



Less than 5% of time in preschool involves planned science

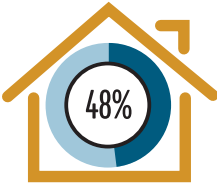


Most pre-K curricula only include **58 seconds** of mathematics instruction per day



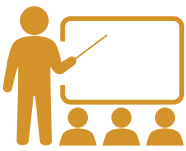
Children enter kindergarten with **lower science readiness scores** than in any other domain

This gap is even wider for children living in poverty.



48% of children ages 3-5 years (that's 5.9 million!) live in **low-income families**

Classrooms with children from mostly **lower-income homes** rated significantly **lower** in quality education indicators:



Teaching



Teacher-Child Interaction



Provisions of learning

Closing the gap begins in Pre-K.

Children who experience **high-quality preschool** grow up and achieve more



Higher incomes



Greater job security



Commit fewer crimes



More likely to graduate high school