

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



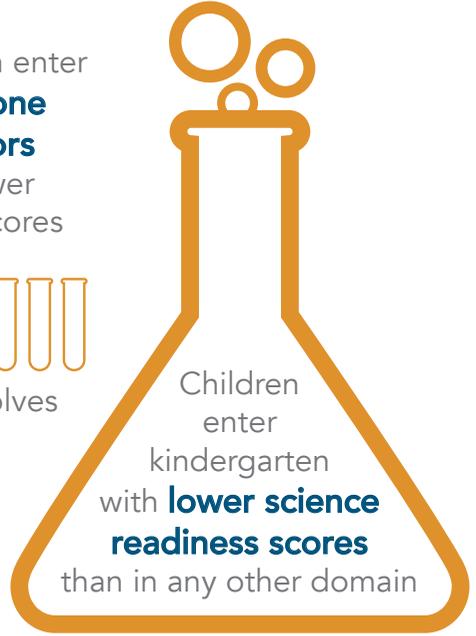
**2 out of 5** children enter kindergarten with **one or more risk factors** associated with lower school readiness scores



**Less than 5%** of time in preschool involves planned science



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



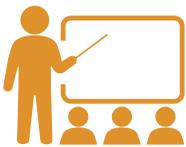
Children enter kindergarten with **lower science readiness scores** than in any other domain

## 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