

Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

We are excited about your interest in our Pre-Kindergarten program!

While your child meets the age requirements for this program, we want to further assist you in ensuring that this is the best placement for your child's current and future success. Research indicates that correct placement in the early school years is very important to self-confidence and motivation to learn, and may have a future impact on a child's desire to work through challenging material as they move through their school years.

We have developed this checklist as a tool to assist us in determining whether our Pre-Kindergarten Program will offer your child a positive educational experience that will meet his/her social, emotional, physical, & cognitive needs

Circle Yes (Y) if the entire statement applies to your child at least 80% of the time.

Circle No (N) if the statement does not yet apply to your child.

Y / N: My child recognizes and identifies basic colors and shapes.

Y / N: My child can rote count up to 10 and counts objects up to 5.

Y / N: My child recognizes his/her name in print and can recognize or is beginning to show interest in recognizing letters.

Y / N: When demonstrated by an adult, my child can draw a circle and an "x". (x=two lines that cross at some point)

Y / N: My child can sort objects or pictures when given a basic parameter such as color, shape, or size.

Y / N: My child displays appropriate behavior towards peers, including understanding sharing and turn taking (with minimal prompts).

Y / N: My child can initiate play with friends, siblings, cousins, or other familiar children, and can make decisions with other children (with adult help).

Y / N: My child can verbalize an event that has recently occurred. (Example: Uses language to describe a recent trip to the park.)

Y / N: My child remains seated and engaged in a table activity or while being read to for at least 10 minutes.

Y / N: My child can remember and follow a two-step direction (with minimal adult prompting such as "what's next?").

Y / N: My child can identify and appropriately verbalize his/her basic feelings and needs.

Y / N: My child has completed (or will complete) at least one year of early childhood education.

Count the number of "Y's" circled: _____

If your child meets the age requirements for our Pre-Kindergarten program and if you responded "Yes" to at least 8 of the above statements please include this checklist with your application. If after completing this checklist you have any further questions about our programs and/or would like to discuss your child's needs we encourage you to meet with one of our ECE teachers.

If you do not believe that at least 8 of the above statements apply to your child then we would recommend you enroll him/her in our preschool program. A year of preschool will offer your child a place to learn and grow, in an environment that may better support his/her social, emotional, physical, & cognitive needs. If you believe that the results of this checklist do not accurately reflect your child's abilities and behaviors or believe your child will acquire these skills prior to Fall entrance and would like to continue to pursue his/her acceptance into our Pre-Kindergarten program then please set up an appointment with the teacher to discuss your support of placing your child into this program.