

Young 5 Readiness Guidelines

We are excited about your interest in our young 5 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 Young 5 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 identify at least 20 of the 26 uppercase letters.

Y / N: When demonstrated by an adult, my child can draw a circle, an "x", and write or attempt to write his/her name.

Y / N: When given a single syllable word such as cat or pig, my child can name a rhyming word.

Y / N: My child can understand and explain cause and effect in a basic situation. (Example: What might happen if someone threw a ball at a window?)

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 15 minutes.

Y / N: My child can independently follow a two-step direction without an extra prompt.

Y / N: My child remains seated and uses age appropriate table manners throughout an entire family meal (with minimal prompts).

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

Y / N: My child has completed (or will complete) two or more years of early childhood education.

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

If your child meets the age requirements for our Young 5 program and if you responded "Yes" to at least 8 of the above statements please include this checklist with your application for our Young 5 program. 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 prekindergarten program. A year of prekindergarten 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 would like to continue to pursue his/her acceptance into our Young 5 program then please set up an appointment with the Young 5 teacher to discuss your support of placing your child into this program.