

Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

Turns 3 by September.

Special consideration can be made for children turning three by December upon teacher recommendation (Example: older sibling in class, child exhibits readiness).

Physical:

- Sits independently, ready to participate in adult led activity (snack, story, handwork)
- Uses bathroom and washes hands independently
- Dresses and feeds oneself independently with minimal assistance

Social / emotional:

- Separates from adult
- Interest in other children
- Shows independence to meet own needs
- Able to be in a group with 10:1 child/teacher ratio

Cognitive / language:

- Communicates needs using 4+ words in sentences
- Follows 2 step adult instruction with minimal help
- Answers simple WH questions

These are general developmental benchmarks to serve as a guideline when determining readiness for the mixed age kindergarten class. Each child will meet them at their own individual pace. Kindergarten readiness is determined by taking these guidelines into consideration, as well as the individual child's development, and the class makeup as a whole.