



Incoming Young 5s & Kindergarten Guidelines

Our prayer is that every child entering our programs will grow and thrive throughout their school year. To that end, it is important that expectations are clearly communicated so that we can best serve our students and families. With the input of teachers and early childhood professionals we have compiled a list to serve as a guide for incoming families. We do not expect every child to meet every benchmark, but it does outline age-appropriate expectations for incoming students, while allowing room for growth over the course of the school year. Registered families will receive a parent intake form as well where they can expand further on how we can best serve their child.

Children enrolling in our Young 5s or Kindergarten program should:

- Be able to write their own name
- Be able to identify and write all letters of alphabet and numbers 1 through 20
- Be able to identify sounds of most if not all letters of alphabet
- Be able to identify shapes and colors
- Be proficient in the use of pencils, crayons, and scissors
- Be able to sit for periods of time for activities such as circle time, reading a story, seat work, working on an art project, eating lunch
- Be able to understand sharing and taking turns
- Be able to play well with others, besides siblings or family members
- Be respectful to teachers and others.
- Be able to express their needs and emotions clearly.
- Be able to transition to other activities/environments with forewarning