



READINESS CHECKLIST FOR PRESCHOOLERS & KINDERGARTENERS (ACADEMY)

Deciding whether your child is ready for preschool can be a lengthy and anxiety inducing process. There are several factors to consider, including how ready you are as a parent. Identify whether your child can take the big step to preschool by considering the following criteria:

Physical

- Reasonably healthy before starting preschool. Some illnesses are unavoidable, but if your child suffers from an autoimmune disease, infections, or viruses, it might be best to wait until he/she is healthier.
- Displays some fine motor dexterity-able to hold crayons or utensils.

Social and Emotional Development

- Toilet Trained- out of diapers/pull-ups and can manage his/her own trips to the bathroom successfully. Magnolia Montessori's facility is not licensed to conduct diaper changes. Our staff can only offer minimal assistance to your child if he/she has an accident)
- Can separate from parents-some school anxiety is normal
- Exhibits independent behavior- Able to dress and feed self with utensils
- Can interact with other children for the duration of the school day
- Able to concentrate long enough to listen to a short picture book being read aloud and adult-directed lessons
- Is able to be redirected with minimal levels of frustration.

Language

- Can communicate own needs- they might not have the right words to express feelings or needs, but some ability to communicate needs or wants IS necessary.

Work Habits

- Is comfortable with routines and schedules
- Has stamina for the school day
- Can follow directions

The gift of a Montessori Children's House experience will provide a solid foundation for a successful future in school. If you worry that your child might not be ready for preschool, rest assured that by practicing these listed skills at home, you will help your little one prepare for preschool.

- ***If we find that your child(ren) is not ready for our program within 30 days of enrollment, we will disenroll him/her until he/she shows that the areas of concerns are addressed and corrected.***