



Am I Ready for Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is an exciting time! It is a season of tremendous growth and maturity... academically, socially, and spiritually. As a Christian classical school, our job is to partner with parents as they pursue the important task of educating their children. We know the decision on schooling can be overwhelming at times. We would love the opportunity to answer questions and help you discover whether a University-model® school is the right fit for your family.

Below is a list of basic skills which will set your child up for success in Kindergarten!

	A child is ready for Kindergarten when they	It would be beneficial for your child to
Basic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are 5 years of age by August 1st. • Can state their first and last name • Can sit for an extended period of time (within reason) • Can follow directions given by an authority figure that is not a family member • Can independently dress and undress for restroom visits (this includes outerwear) • Can independently pack and unpack items from bookbag/lunchbox/folder/binder • Are familiar with basic pencils/scissor safety and basic scissor pencil/cutting skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a pencil properly • Properly hold a ruler to make (relatively) straight lines on paper • Use safety scissors to cut along both straight and curvy lines.
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize, order, and write numbers 0-10 • Count objects by pointing to the objects one at a time to 10 • Sort objects by one attribute (by color, size, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match sets with equal numbers of objects • Identify coins by name up to dime) • Use non-standard measurement to measure items (such as measuring a pencil with pennies) • Properly use comparative terms (such as shortest, longest, most, least)
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can recognize and identify letters by their names • Recognize that words are made of letters and words are what we read (They are NOT expected to be reading) • Are read aloud to at least 15 minutes a day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify at least 13 letter sounds.
Handwriting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write their first name (NOT case sensitive) • Keep letters generally between a top and bottom line • Are familiar with how to use an eraser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write their first and last name (case sensitive)

It is required that a child entering Kindergarten be tested before school begins. This testing assists us in determining how specifically we can help your child flourish in the coming school year. Upon test completion, you may receive a follow up call or email to discuss strategies/tips to best ensure your student feels properly equipped upon entering Kindergarten.