

Full Day Four Year Old Preschool Readiness Checklist

This is a great tool to utilize when considering if your child is ready for PreKindergarten! While we do not expect every child to meet all of the benchmarks below, the more benchmarks your child meets, the better prepared for success in our program they will be!

*All preschool students are required to be potty-trained to attend preschool at SMG.

Social, Motor and Life Skills

- Can listen and follow instructions from an adult (who is not their parent) and can follow simple directions (one or two steps)
- Can express their emotions, needs, and make requests
- Can handle being away from parents for a full day of school
- Can focus on a task and play independently
- Wants to play with other kids and engage socially
- Demonstrates improvement in balance and strength
- Can jump in place, stand on one foot, and run to kick a ball
- Is potty-trained and can use the toilet independently (including washing their own hands)
- Has and practices basic self-care skills (for example: dressing, brushing teeth, washing hands, feeding themselves)
- Knows what to expect in the classroom and look forward to going to school

Language

- Speaks clearly
- Can communicate politely
- Can tell a story
- Uses sentences with two phrases or concepts

Reasoning & Concept Development

- Matches similar objects
- Takes things apart and puts them back together
- Can recall short sequences of events (up to 3 steps)

Reading & Writing

- Can hold a book correctly and turn the pages
- Able to recognize the first letter in their name
- Enjoys being read to
- Able to hold a writing tool with a finger grasp
- Uses crayons, pencils, markers, to draw/color
- Writes in a linear fashion
- "Writes" their name with simple markings

Math

- Able to identify basic shapes
- Can count with assistance
- Shows interest in sequence and patterns
- Sorts objects into simple groups