

For many parents, making decisions concerning their child's education is perplexing, especially when it deals with when to enroll the child in preschool or kindergarten. Experts offer various concepts depending on the child's age and developmental growth.

Research suggests that parents look carefully at their child's readiness levels for preschool and kindergarten. The educators at Fairfield Kindergarten Center would like to offer the following suggestions as **one means** for assisting parents/guardians in this decision-making process.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Confidence

- Does your child have an "I can do it" attitude?
- Does your child ask for help from adults/others?
- Does your child handle new situations without being upset?
- Can your child separate from parents/guardians easily?

### Curiosity

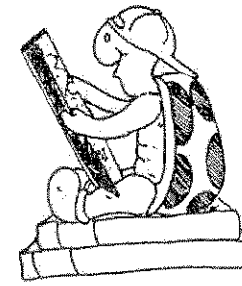
- Is your child eager to find out about new things?
- Does your child want to attend school?

### Perseverance

- Does your child finish what he starts?

### Self Control

- Does your child sit quietly?
- Does your child listen to stories?
- Does your child handle feelings appropriately?
- Does your child follow adult requests?
- Does your child adapt to changes?



### Social Interaction

- Does your child enjoy being with others?
- Can she understand the feelings of others?
- Can she express her own feelings?
- Does he share and take turns?
- Does your child participate in group activities easily? (Library, church groups, preschool, playgroups)

### Communication

- Does your child express himself and communicate with others effectively?

### Self Help Skills

- Does your child dress himself? (button, zip)
- Can your child take care of his bathroom needs?

### Academics Skills

- Can your child rhyme?
- Can your child draw a picture?
- Can your child count to 5?
- Does your child show interest in books?
- Does your child use crayons/markers?