

Will your child be ready for Kindergarten?

High quality early childhood programs build a firm foundation for children to be life time learners. Room For Growing is an accredited program that offers each of these 10 skills that are so important when preparing your child for kindergarten.

1. **How to be a student:** They will learn where to put art work when finished, how to line up to go outside, where to sit when it is snack or group time, and how to control their natural instinctive impulses.
2. **How to make friends:** Preschool offers additional opportunities for children to learn how to interact with others their own age and settle differences, without always needing adult intervention.
3. **How to be independent:** As parents we often times automatically help our children with simple daily tasks such as buttoning a button or brushing their hair. A preschool teacher will find ways to teach the children to do many of these tasks on their own.
4. **How to tell a story:** Through various types of storytelling, children begin to understand the concept of a beginning, middle and an end. They understand the print means something. Children expand their imaginations and have many opportunities to express that.
5. **How to ask for help:** By developing relationships with caring and responsive teachers, it helps build a high esteem which subsequently makes future child/teacher relationships more successful
6. **How to cut and paste:** All those scribbles, messy collages, and vibrant paintings are all activities that build on the fine motor skills children need when learning to write.
7. **How to build a block tower:** Building with blocks develops skills in special relationships, math, balance, fractions etc.
8. **How to recognize symbols, concepts and rhymes:** These cognitive skills may include understanding basic colors, shapes, letters, and numbers. They will practice writing letters and understanding that those letters create a name or a word.
9. **How to hop, jump and skip:** Outside play should be a part of every preschool schedule. Learning how to climb a ladder on a climber, to kicking a ball and pump on a swing are skills that build muscle and control over their bodies.
10. **How to investigate:** Although some teacher direction is good, children also need the opportunity to take the materials and find out for themselves what they can do.