KINDERGARTEN

The following criteria are general guidelines to be used when considering children for Kindergarten. We recognize that every child will not meet each criterion. Behavior criteria will be weighted more heavily than academic criteria. Each child is evaluated on an individual basis.

Behavior: The child is able to maintain acceptable behavior without calling attention to self.

Academic: The child is able to work independently using materials which are developmentally appropriate.

Commitment: The child is willing and able to be responsible for doing his or her best.

Support: The parents maintain a positive involvement in their child’s education.

Respect

The child:
- is respectful of others’ work, property, body and feelings
- shows respect for adults
- uses polite language and behavior
- demonstrates body awareness in the way he sits; keeps his boundary with others
- moves about the classroom in an appropriate manner
- uses a voice level appropriate to the classroom
- shows respect for learning materials by the way in which he uses and places the materials on a rug or a table
- uses appropriate eye contact and tone of voice

Independence and Responsibility

The child demonstrates developmentally appropriate independence by:
- functioning in a classroom setting without constant teacher cueing
- working and choosing work independently
- showing developmentally appropriate coping skills
- completing a work cycle, i.e. getting materials, planning his/her work, returning materials, and working in an efficient manner
- making a smooth transition from one task or environment to another

READINESS CONSIDERATIONS FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Developmental Readiness

The child:
- uses developmentally appropriate vocabulary and language
- generally complies with teacher’s requests and directions
- listens attentively using good eye contact and appropriate body language
- sits for individual and group activities for fifteen minutes

Academic Readiness

There are no academic requirements in considering placement for Kindergarten.