

From Preschool to Kindergarten: Are You Ready?

The jump from Preschool to Kindergarten is a beautiful milestone in the life of a child and her parents. The joy of the moment can sometimes be overshadowed by questions and doubts about Kindergarten readiness: How do I know if my child is ready for Kindergarten? If she cannot read yet, should I hold her back for another year of preschool? How do I know what is best for her?

The answer, broadly speaking, is that to be successful in Kindergarten, your child is expected to be able to do certain tasks like hanging up his jacket and backpack and using the restroom independently, to listen and follow simple directions, and to share and take turns. But beyond that, your child will learn -- that is what Kindergarten is all about, a transition to a more structured, academic environment, but still developmental like preschool, with slightly higher expectations, where he will learn to be more independent, to spread her wings.

Many parents believe that if their child cannot read, that she is not ready for Kindergarten; but, this is not the case. Her Kindergarten teacher will teach her to read and write. Just like every child learns to walk in his or her own time -- some at nine months, some at 12 months, some at 14 months -- so it goes with Reading. Some children can read sentences prior to Kindergarten. The rest learn at some point in their Kindergarten year. The important thing is, everyone moves into first grade reading full sentences.

Kindergarten at Woodcrest School focuses on individual development and academics in a creative and nurturing environment. Principal Luanne Paglione helps put your doubts to rest early in the process by personally assessing every incoming Kindergartener to determine readiness. Not surprisingly, the vast majority are more than ready (even though their parents may not be). Your doubts are further allayed after meeting the Kindergarten teachers and learning about our individualized Kindergarten reading program. Whether your child is reading full sentences or still working his way through the alphabet, the Kindergarten teachers work closely with every single student, in a small class environment, to develop their reading skills and their love of learning.

Call Ms. Paglione today at 818-345-3002 to schedule a visit inside Woodcrest's Kindergarten classrooms. **www.WoodcrestSchool.com**