



Yes, Preschool!

Kindergarten has changed!

Your child needs to have basic skills before they go to school.

See the following checklist of things your child should know or be able to do before going to Kindergarten.

Academic Skills

- ___ Can have a conversation, answers questions*
- ___ Can use scissors, color and grasp a pencil*
- ___ Knows half of the letters of the alphabet and the sounds of the letters and the ABC song
- ___ Know, write, and spell own name using capital and lower case letters
- ___ Can count to 20
- ___ Knows simple shapes and colors
- ___ Knows the meaning of simple words
- ___ Can retell a story

Emotional Skills

- ___ Listens to others and can follow rules*
- ___ Excited to come to school*
- ___ Can use their imagination
- ___ Can separate from parents
- ___ Awake and alert through a whole school day

Social Experiences

- ___ Follows directions*
- ___ Can sit still and listen to stories*
- ___ Can use the bathroom, zipping, buttoning, tying
- ___ Can work by themselves
- ___ Knows how to share and take turns
- ___ Can Play

*Selected as most important.

How Do I Sign Up?

Answer the following questions by checking all that apply to you, complete your contact information and send or drop off at one of the participating preschools, or to the Miami County Community Foundation at 13 East Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

You will be contacted to sign your child up for preschool. You may be eligible for a scholarship for one year of preschool. Scholarships are subject to income level, special circumstances and availability of space at preschools and scholarships.

- I am interested in signing my child up for preschool.
- I have other children already enrolled in preschool.
- Preschool is half a day. Will you need before or after care for your child?
- Are you able to provide transportation for your child to attend preschool?

What preschool would you like your child to attend? (see list of schools on front of brochure)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

If you have questions call (765) 475-2859 or e-mail the Miami County Community Foundation at miami@nicf.org.

Benefits of Preschool

Children who attend preschool are:

- ready to learn when they go to school
- more likely to read at grade level
- more likely to graduate high school and college

Longer-term benefits of preschool include:

- Less likely to need remedial or special education
- Less likely to repeat a grade in school
- Ready for work and able to learn new things
- Higher incomes due to more education

Scholarships Available

Call or visit these preschools to see how your child can receive a scholarship to attend preschool for one year. Scholarships are for 4-year-old children.

Preschool Scholarship Program Partners

Converse Church of Christ Preschool

Director: Donna Maple

Address: 301 E. Wabash St, Converse, IN 46919

Phone: (765) 395-3361

Keys for Kids Preschool

Director: Beth Barnett

Address: 105 South Benton Street, Peru, IN 46970

Phone: (765) 473-6744

Main Street United Methodist Preschool

Director: Cami Walters

Address: 81 West Main Street, Peru, IN 46970

Phone: (765) 472-2298

Miami County YMCA Preschool

Director: Barb Althouse

Address: 34 East 6th Street, Peru, IN 46970

Phone: (765) 472-1979

North Miami Community and Developmental Preschool

Principal: Becky Saddlemire

Address: 632 East 900 North, Denver, IN 46951

Phone: (765) 985-2251

Pipe Creek Elementary

Little Braves and Developmental Preschool

Principal: Laura Fulton

Address: 3036 West 400 South, Peru, IN 46970

Phone: (765) 473-3121

Promiseland Preschool

Director: Rita Frantz

Address: 9377 South 300 East, Amboy, IN 46911

Phone: (765) 395-7712

St. John's Lutheran Daycare Ministry

Director: Charlene Beattie

Address: 181 West Main Street, Peru, IN 46970

Phone: (765) 473-3373



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Why Preschool?

