



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

- ___ Start learning the alphabet*
- ___ Know basic shapes and colors*
- ___ Can write name using upper and lower case letters
- ___ Know numbers 0-5
- ___ Can count to 10

Social and Emotional Experiences

- ___ Shows respect*
- ___ Knows some nursery rhymes*
- ___ Holds two-way conversations, answers questions*
- ___ Has good personal grooming habits
- ___ Has self-control
- ___ Plays board games
- ___ Listens and follows directions and rules
- ___ Able to sit still for 10 minutes
- ___ Can hold a pencil and use scissors, cutting straight and curved lines
- ___ Ability to follow a routine
- ___ Plays well with others
- ___ Responsible
- ___ Able to relax
- ___ Solves problems

*Selected as most important.

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

How Do I Sign Up?

Answer the following questions by checking all that apply to you. Complete your contact information and send or drop it off at one of the participating preschools, or mail to the Starke County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 563, Knox, IN 46534.

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 scholarships and space at preschools.

- I am interested in signing my child up for preschool.
- I have other children already enrolled in preschool.
- Preschool is half-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 (574) 772-3665 or e-mail the Starke County Community Foundation at starke@nicf.org.

Preschool Scholarship Program Partners

Foundations Child Care

Director: Misti Hiatt

Address: 6020 South 300 East, Knox, IN 46534

Phone: (574) 772- 2277

Little Lambs Preschool

Director: Karen Zimmerman

Address: 1600 South Heaton Street, Knox, IN 46534

Phone: (574) 772-4301

Little Lights Preschool

Director: Kathy Vorm

Address: North Judson United Methodist Church

210 Central Avenue, North Judson, IN 46366

Phone: (574) 896-5927

Adventure Island Preschool

Director: Danielle Christensen

Address: 950 Campbell Dr., N. Judson, IN 46366

Phone: (574) 896-2708 or (574) 249-0486

Oregon-Davis Preschool

Principal: William Bennett

Address: 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532

Phone: (574) 867-2711

Knox Elementary Preschools

Teachers: Jana Hazelton, Nancy Suseland

Address: 210 West Culver Road, Knox, IN 46534

Phone: (574) 772-1633

St. Peter Lutheran Preschool

Principal: Rhonda Reimers

Teacher: Rochella Ransom

Address: 810 West Talmer Ave., N. Judson, IN 46366

Phone: (574) 896-5933

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.



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Why Preschool?

