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

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 to 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.

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.

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.
Why Preschool?

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.