

Is my child ready for school at BHCA?

Every child is unique and reaches developmental milestones at different ages. Our BHCA Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten is a school. It is designed to begin your child's school education and experience with hands on learning and developing a joy for learning. We have calendar, Bible, seatwork, centers, independent play, dramatic play, recess, lunch, and rest. We use markers, paint, pencils, crayons, stamps, scissors, and glue.

Here are some milestones your child needs to be able to accomplish to attend our preschool:

- My child is fully potty trained. (Day time accidents are rare.) Teachers do not help in the bathroom at BHCA. Your child must be able to wipe themselves without assistance and wash their hands well with soap and water.
- My child can change his/her clothes independently including socks, underwear, and pants.
- My child can take off and put on his/her shoes by themselves.
- My child can put his/her coat on independently.
- My child can follow 2 or 3 steps directions. (ie, go to the hallway and change your shoes for recess).
- My child can sit and listen to a story (3 to 4 minute intervals).
- My child is learning/willing to listen and obey.

Here are some milestones your child needs to be able to accomplish to attend our Pre-Kindergarten:

- Things listed above for Preschool PLUS...
- My child can follow 3-5 step directions.
- My child can sit and listen to a story for 5-8 minute intervals.
- My child can focus on a single activity for 8-10 minutes (ie. Craft or play a game).
- My child can hold a pencil using a pinching grip for writing.
- My child can trace or write their name independently.
- My child can hold scissors for cutting.
- My child can recognize some uppercase letters and sounds (the ones in their name at least).
- My child can recognize numbers 0-9.

If you are unsure if your child is ready for school, we would be happy to have our team of teachers assess them.