

Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment Requirements (4 year old Class)

** Checklist for Entering Open Door's 4 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Class

Open Door Christian School's Pre-Kindergarten Classes are preparatory classes for Kindergarten. Our classes are structured and have seat work time. Due to the structure of our program and curriculum, we realize our school is not the best choice for all children. Sometimes children excel in programs that are not as structured as ours. We would love to teach all children, but we know our limitations and realize some children blossom better in other programs.

Each Pre-Kindergartner will need to schedule an appointment with the administration for the summer prior to the school year for a developmental test of certain things. The skills with an * will be checked by the administration before enrolling a child. Certain development skills will be the parent's/guardian's word to the school. However, if the school realizes the child does not meet the developmental requirements, the staff will communicate the development skills not yet accomplished and the administration will decide the next steps to take. Below are checklists for entering Open Door:

- Able to sit for 5 to 10 minutes
- Potty trained
- Able to wipe himself/herself after using the bathroom
- Understands simple instructions and what consequences are
- Understands why he/she receives consequences for his/her behavior
- Understands right and wrong
- *State his/her name
- *Understands the commands forward and backward
- Can feed self with spoon
- *Follows three step commands. Ex: Push your chair in, pick up a book and go sit on the carpet.
- Able to repeat a simple sentence. Ex. "This is a cow."

Open Door knows every child develops at a different pace. However, our program does require certain skills to be developed

1. by the time they enter our three year old pre-kindergarten class
2. after three weeks in our program and
3. after six weeks in our program. Below are our developmental red flags for three-year olds:

❖ Developmental Red Flags After 3 Weeks

- Pre-Kindergartner still clings or cries when parents leave him/her the majority of the time
- Resists using the restroom
- Child falls asleep in the morning during circle time or seat work
- Shows no interest in interactive games
- Cannot interact with other children during classroom and/or recess time
- Lashes out without any self-control when angry or upset

❖ Developmental Red Flags After 6 Weeks

- The Developmental Red Flags After 3 Weeks carry over into After 6 Weeks
- Cannot jump in place
- Doesn't use "me" or "you" appropriately
- Cannot grasp a crayon between thumb and fingers
- Has difficulty scribbling
- Cannot copy a circle
- Doesn't use sentences of more than three words

Please let the staff know if there are any changes in your child's life that may have an effect on your child's behavior or mood while at school so we can be responsive to their needs.