

## Kindergarten Screening

- Why do we screen children entering kindergarten?

We need to screen each child to become aware of their individual needs so that we can be prepared to provide for them educationally when they enter kindergarten.
- How should I prepare my child?

Have your child get a good night sleep the night before. Tell them that this is the first step to going to kindergarten!! They will see their new school and meet some people that work there. They will be asked to listen, do some drawing and play some games.
- Where do we go for the screening?

Enter by the gym door. Parents and children should wait in the lobby. A staff member will place a name tag on your child and he/she may play with the books, blocks and puzzles while waiting to be screened.
- How long will we be here?

Plan on a minimum of 1 hour – sometimes it takes a little longer.
- Who screens my child?

Kindergarten teachers, not necessarily your child's future teacher, a speech and language pathologist, an occupational therapist and a nurse.
- Can I go with my child for the screening?

Parents remain in the waiting area during the educational and health screenings, to review registration information. Parents will also meet with the nurse to go over health information.
- What happens during the screening?

Children will participate in fine and gross motor activities, visual and mental concepts, speech patterns and language skills. All assessments are administered through structured and non structured tasks in a relaxing, playful environment. The health screening is administered by the nurse and consists of hearing and vision screening. She will also review health records and discuss any medical issues or concerns with parents.
- How and when will I know how my child did?

Scoring cannot be done immediately but the screener may give you a general indication of your child's performance. A report will be mailed to you at a later date.