

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Kindergarten at IMF School

- Children who are 5 years old on August 31 may apply for Kindergarten that fall
- Classes begin in early January and are held twice weekly; we have about 40 days of classes

Preschool Developments to Pursue

- Knowledge
 - Counting 1-10 aloud
 - Reciting the ABC's or singing the ABC song
 - Recognizing many of the written letters
 - Naming basic colours
- Skills
 - Writing their own name (properly, with only the first letter capitalized)
 - Using a scissors & drawing with a pencil
 - Counting objects
 - Trying to colour within the lines and to use realistic colours
- Physical
 - Kicking a soccer ball with some accuracy
 - Hopping on either foot ten times
 - Running with confidence
- Social
 - Sharing toys and playing well with other children
 - Understanding that "No" means "No"
 - Speaking clearly, looking at the person they are talking to
 - Focusing on one activity for 10-15 minutes

Ways to Prepare your Child for School

- Have an eye exam done in the fall before Kindergarten starts
- Help them become comfortable with attending Sunday School regularly
- Read stories to your preschooler daily
- Do simple art and craft projects together
- Keep them away from screens (smartphones, computers, TV, movies, entertainment, YouTube)
- Point out numbers and letters throughout the day and along the way
- Ensure plenty of play: physical play, creative play, outdoor play, etc.
- Make them responsible for one household chore
- Play games like "Memory"
- Consider that boys at this age tend to be less developed; if their birthday is in the summer, some children would be better off to wait another year.
- Do some preschool workbooks while your child is 4 or 5
 - "Kindergarten I" is a set of 5 workbooks available for no cost from IMF School