7 signs your child is ready for preschool

- 1. They can follow simple directions.
- 2. They can handle being away from you for short periods of time.
- 3. They can focus on a task. Sit still during a story.
- 4. They want to play with other kids.
- 5. They have basic self-care skills.
- 6. They are potty trained. Or you are in progress in potty training.
- 7. They can make their needs be known.

7 ways to help prepare your child for preschool

1. Give them opportunities to be apart from you with other caregivers.

We have designed our Playschool setting for this purpose. Stop by the Playschool to get on the schedule. Try short periods of time to help your little one get acclimated to other caregivers and being away from you. Start now through the end of the preschool year.

2. **Practice giving your child directions to follow and help them follow through.** Be sure to teach your children to follow the directions of others in their life as well.

If grandma or someone else, asks your child to do something, encourage your child to make eye contact, listen and follow the direction.

3. Read to you child.

Reading inspires imagination and learning. Sitting quietly teaches listening skills and build attention a child's attention span. Take your toddler to story time at the Public Library.

4. Have them participate in group activities with other children.

There are several ways to get your now toddler out into social activities. We have our TWO-GETHER program available. We have three open spots for this year. You could start in January and go through May of 2023. Your child must have turned 2 years old by 12/1/22. Ask Miss Carey for more information if you are interested.

Other opportunities.

Feelings Rock Music with Miss Katie Wednesdays 10:15am, 11:15am, & 6pm at Eastern Hills Church. For more information info@feelingsrock.com.

Zumbini classes with Miss Bri Thursday @ Eastern Hills Thursdays 10:30am. For more info Call 386-265-7438. Summer Camp 2023 At Eastern Hills Preschool. And Summer Playschool July through August are all great ways to get your child into group activities that help them develop social emotional skills to prepare for preschool.

5. They have basic self-care skills.

They can pull their pants up. Starting to try zippering. Can put their shoes and socks on. Use a tissue. Wash their hands.

6. They are potty trained. Or you are in progress with potty training.

7. They can make their needs be known.

They have enough language to express their basic needs.