

Millbrook Elementary Magnet School



Start Kindergarten Ready!

The following criteria for success is evidence of essential learnings that your student will be developing throughout Kindergarten. These identified areas help teachers ensure each child reaches his or her fullest potential! Please work with your child on the following over the summer to be even more ready for kindergarten:

Language Development and Communication

Your child should be able to:

- Write his/her name with one capital letter and the rest lowercase letters
- Identify a majority of letters of the alphabet for uppercase and lowercase in random order
- Identify 10+ initial letter sounds
- Holds a book upright and turns one page at a time
- Tell the difference between the front and the back of a book
- Track words from left to right on a page when read aloud to
- Tell the difference between words and pictures and the difference between letters and words
- Recognize the following basic sight words:

is	to	like	me	it	am
a	in	here	up	go	see
look	the	said	we	on	can
at	and	you	my	I	come

Cognitive Development

Your child should be able to:

- Rote count correctly to 20+
- Have correct one-to-one correspondence when counting items and able to keep track while counting
- Identify basic shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle)
- Identify and write numbers from 0-10
- Determine which number is greater

Emotional and Social Development

Your child should be able to:

- Express emotions through language, posture, and gestures suitable to the context and with support from adults, label emotions in self and others
- Sustain engagement in self-selected activities, ignoring low-level distractions from peers or other activities

Health and Physical Development

Your child should be able to:

- Cross the midline (invisible line running from our head to our toes, dividing the body into left and right halves) in some situations
- Fine motor-uses proper pencil grip and scissor grip to manipulate
- Uses dominant hand with minimal elbow movement with control of wrist and fingers

Self-Help Skills –With minimal assistance, it would be helpful if your child is able to:

- Take off and put on coat
- Unpack and pack book bag
- Button and unbutton pants
- Take care of all bathroom needs
- Follow 1-2 step directions verbally
- Open lunch and snack items
- Tie shoes
- Zip and unzip jackets
- State full name, current address, birthday, and phone number