

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Kindergarten is a fantastic milestone for your child and Kalos Christian Academy (KCA) wants to help set your child up for success. KCA aims to nurture your child's love for learning and grow his or her character. Kindergarten readiness encompasses your child's intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development. Below is a list of skills that are helpful in identifying if your child is ready to begin kindergarten.

## Social Skills

	Plays well with others
	Can take turns
	Can ask for help
	Listens attentively for at least five minutes
	Confidently separate from parents at drop-off
	Follows two-step instructions
	Can take responsibility for his or her belongings
	Shows respect to peers and adults
	Communicates thoughts and feelings with words
	Can follow class rules
	Can follow routines

## Self-care Skills

	Can use the toilet independently
	Uses healthy hygiene habits such as hand washing
	Can dress self

## Language Skills

	Speaks clearly in simple sentences
	Speaks Mannerly - please, thank you, and excuse me
	Recognizes familiar symbols
	Can retell a story
	Communicates needs and wants with words

## Reading Readiness Skills

	Shows interest in reading
	Listens attentively to stories
	Recognizes letters
	Recognizes own name

## Math Skills

	Can count from one to ten (or higher)
	Can identify common shapes
	Can sort similar/different objects

## Fine Motor Skills

	Can correctly grip a pencil, marker, or crayon
	Can use a pair of scissors to cut
	Able to build a tower with blocks
	Able to generally copy basic shapes
	Can thread beads on a string

## Gross Motor Skills

	Can run
	Able to jump on one foot at a time
	Able to jump with both feet together
	Can climb stairs
	Can throw and kick a ball

This list is neither an exhaustive list nor a list of mandatory requirements for admission. KCA recognizes some students will be stronger in some areas and need more assistance in others. Kindergarten is a great time to grow in all areas of development.