



# What They Need to Succeed

A Parent's Checklist for  
Preschool Readiness



# The best preschool

## for your child ...

... will be a wonderful, safe, and fun place for them to keep growing into the person God has uniquely made them to be! They have many years of school and a lifetime of learning ahead, and we know you want the best start possible for them.

We have been through this, both as educators and as parents. We know how hard it can be to find just the right place for your child's preschool care and education. Our guide will help you see if your child is ready for preschool, give you practical guidance for finding a school, and tell you a little about the Early Education Program at Wesleyan Christian Academy.

# Preschool Readiness:

## What to Look For

### Foundations For Literacy



Stories are the earliest doorways to literacy for children. If your child is engaged as you read to them, that's a very good readiness marker. Other signs might include pointing out letters they know or pretending to read books themselves. This means they are making the connection between the text and ideas and stories.

### Growth in Social Skills



Sharing, cooperative play, following instructions, and respecting others are all some of the basic social skills preschoolers will need. Of course, these are part of what preschool helps develop in children, but the beginnings of these skills are good signs of preschool readiness in your son or daughter.

### Independence and Self-Care



Your child might need help with buttons and laces, but they should be able to manage dressing and undressing themselves. Three-year-olds ready for preschool should have established bladder and bowel control, be able to wash and dry their hands, use utensils to feed themselves, and walk up stairs. These basic self-care markers will help your child grow quickly in their independence.

### Fine and Gross Motor Skills



The fine motor skills that indicate preschool readiness include stacking blocks to make a tower, or being able to turn the pages of a book. You might also see if they can open and close things, such as a container with a lid that twists on and off. Look for gross motor skills like walking on their toes, balancing on one foot, pedaling a tricycle, or climbing on playground equipment.

### How Do They Play?



Does your child like to explore their world when they play? Does their interest and engagement seem to be lasting longer or deepening? Three-year-olds who can concentrate for eight to nine minutes on a given task are well prepared to start preschool. These kinds of qualities in your child as they play indicate not only a healthy curiosity, but also an early ability to learn through play.

# Helping Your Child Prepare For Preschool

Your child might have most or all of the markers for preschool readiness, but how are you preparing for this transition? By now you're teaching your child how important it is to share their toys and ideas. If you remember to SHARE in your own way, you will help them develop all they need for making a good start in school.

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**Set** specific goals for your child and help them make progress.

H

**Have** the toys, play time, and items they need to develop fine and gross motor skills.

A

**Allow them** to interact with other children and teach them good social skills.

R

**Read** to your child – every day or just as often as you can!

E

**Encourage them** to be independent and celebrate those early steps with them.



# Finding the Right School

## For Your Child

There probably isn't anything more powerful or important that you can do for your child than to pray for them and their future educators.

*You might pray that:*

- Each child feels loved by God and the staff that will care for them.
- Your child will have a sense of peace, calmness, and security when the time comes for them to adjust to their new preschool environment.
- Your child will have clarity to understand instructions and guidance.
- There will be unity to cement a good bond between your child and their teachers, as well as between you and their teachers.
- Your future school's teachers will be constantly reminded — especially on difficult days — of the reasons they were called by God to pour their energy and themselves into the next generation!

# Finding the Right School For Your Child

*Of course, there are many things you could also pray that relate to your search for the best school. Here are some other practical things to keep in mind as you search for the right school.*

**If you'll follow this basic plan, you'll be on a good path to finding the best preschool for your child.**

**1**

**Make a list of your most important family values.**

**2**

**Also make a list of your biggest logistical considerations.**

**3**

**After you've done some research, write a list of your top questions for each potential school.**

**4**

**Schedule tours at your top choice school.**

**5**

**As you're weighing options, consider alignment with your family values first, a school's kindergarten readiness plan and details second, and your logistical considerations third.**



Our Early Education Center:

# At A Glance



**Meals Included  
in Tuition**

breakfast, lunch  
and a snack



**16 Total Classes**

serving infants to  
four-year-olds



**Before and After  
School Care**

we're open  
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



**Chris and Anna  
McGaha**

**Wesleyan Early Education  
Center Parents**

"I honestly don't know where to start. When my husband and I decided to have children we knew that we wanted them to attend the Childcare part of Wesleyan, but always agreed because of the financial commitment we would move them to public school when they started kindergarten. Well my oldest will be in second grade and our youngest will be in Pre-K next year and the discussion has never come up again. Nor will it; the sense of family that we feel at Wesleyan is immeasurable next to a dollar sign. From the minute we walk in to drop off or pick up after a long day of work we will see smiling faces that greet you, ask how you are doing and genuinely care to know. This hasn't even scratched the surface of the education and Godly guidance my children are receiving from Wesleyan. My daughters recite bible verses on a daily basis and come home with excitement to tell me what song they sang in Chapel on stage. I can't say enough great things about Wesleyan and without a doubt I know my children are in the best hands."



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**There are three things  
we love to share**

**with parents about the Early  
Education Center at Wesleyan  
Christian Academy:**

**1**

**We are here to help develop the whole child:  
mind, body, and soul!**

**2**

**Our staff see their work as a calling to  
engage, encourage, nurture, and teach  
Christian values while preparing your child  
for kindergarten.**

**3**

**We encourage every child to be a Christian  
leader in their class and community.**



# Our program for kindergarten readiness is:



## Academic

Through center-based learning students work in small groups, led by a teacher or assistant, to master skills and concepts for academic success.



## Social

In class settings we role play and read books to point out great social skills. During center rotations, teachers work with small groups to encourage the development of social skills.



## Emotional

We take each child's emotional development into consideration. In partnership with parents and their child, we set achievable goals for their emotional development.



## Physical

Gross and fine motor skills exercises are built into our lessons, and students are also given ample time to play indoors and outdoors with age-appropriate equipment.



## Spiritual

Bible story and devotions are a part of circle time each day; students can share prayer requests and pray before meals; and there is an interactive chapel service each week.



## Nick and Naomi Lane

## Wesleyan Early Education Center Parents

“In moving our family from Colorado to North Carolina in 2018, our greatest concern was to find the best possible care for our three young children. We learned about Wesleyan Christian Childcare and Academy from several of our neighbors and we heard nothing but amazing things. During our first visit, it became clear why Wesleyan maintains its excellent reputation in the Triad community: a warm, welcoming and safe environment with faculty and staff that are truly passionate about caring for children. We can truly say that our children love going to school each day, and as parents, knowing that we are leaving them in great hands makes it much easier to say goodbye in the morning and focus on our day. Wesleyan has provided our children with a great Christian foundation and we are constantly amazed with their intellectual, social and spiritual development. We would recommend Wesleyan to all parents and their children and are very thankful for the wonderful experience that our children have enjoyed with their teachers, classmates and staff at Wesleyan.”

# Schedule Your Tour Today!



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