



“PIECES” - GCA PreK Readiness

P: Potty - Trained

Pre-K students should be fully toilet-trained and able to handle bathroom issues on their own.

I: Independent

Students should be able to play or complete a project for a short period of time (5 to 10 minutes) without needing constant redirection from an adult. They should be independent enough to choose an activity without a teacher’s help and have basic fine motor skills.

E: Expressive

To be ready for Pre-K, children need to be able to express themselves in a way that an unfamiliar adult can understand. They should be able to understand basic directions like “sit down” and have an understanding that other children have feelings and needs.

C: Concentration

Pre-K-ready children can pay attention to a short picture book being read aloud and concentrate on an activity for 10 to 20 minutes. They need to follow directions most of the time and to focus on tasks without getting too distracted.

E: Emotionally Ready

Emotionally, a Pre-K student should be able to say goodbye to a parent or caregiver without too much anxiety. Children who are emotionally ready are more eager to go to school and want to make friends.

S: Stamina

We incorporate engaging activities into our academic programming, so children need a lot of physical and mental energy for preschool. If they still take a long morning and afternoon nap, they might not be ready yet.

**Putting these “PIECES” together makes it easier to know if your child is ready to enroll at GCA.
Children must be four-years-old by August 1 to be considered for Pre-K.**