

Upcoming Events

February 15 – Primary and Elementary Spanish Classes
February 20 – SCHOOLCLOSED
February 27 – Montessori Education Week Begins
March 14 to 17 – Next Level Transition Meetings @8am

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Starmaker School

Wednesday Weekly
Stephanie Grable - Director



IS MY CHILD READY TO READ?

Children enter their schooling years at many different stages. Some students are joining our routines after many play-based years at home. We see students from dual-language backgrounds. We have students with musical and artistic foundations passed on to them by grandparents, dads, aunts, and older siblings. Each story is unique. Ultimately, there comes a time when a parent will ask herself, "Is my child ready to read?"

For some this question comes at five years of age, for others as early as three. There is no pinpoint marker that serves as a catalyst to spark the brain systematically. This critical experience that welcomes opportunities in early childhood classrooms is a precious foundation that should not be prompted too early, nor too late. So how is one to know readiness?



Evaluate your child's foundation. Children are in need of many pre-reading skills before introducing letter sounds:

1. Beginning Sounds

Can your child isolate the beginning sound in a set of words? 'Ball, bag, baby,' these all sound like, 'b.'

2. Making Rhymes

Can your child add to a rhyming family? 'Cone, Phone, Loan,' _____!

3. Sequencing

Can your child share a story that follows a chronological telling?

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4. Concentration

Can your child focus on a task independently? Completing the work cycle of set-up, execution, and clean-up is pivotal for launching a successful road to reading.

5. Print Awareness

Can you child identify the cover of a book? Can you child identify emergency exit signs, or stop signs? These first impressions of how written language can communicate are inspiring for young children!

Continue to take notes about your child's progress along the way and remember that reading readiness is about much more than simple letter sound relationships. We are committed to lifelong learning. Enjoy the ride.



"Watching a child makes it obvious that the development of his mind comes through his movements."

– Maria Montessori

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