

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Acceptance of the child is based on observations of the child to determine their readiness for our current program and a positive relationship with the family, and their readiness is solely a faculty decision.

The procedure for enrollment is as follows:

1. Arrange to meet teachers, staff and parents, visit classes and ask questions.
2. Submit a Child History and Application Form with a \$35 application fee to Wellspring Admissions Office, P.O. Box 291, Chelsea, VT. 05038. We will confirm the receipt of your application.
3. The class teacher will review your Application and Child History Forms and contact you to schedule a time to meet your child.
4. After meeting with your family and observing your child for readiness, the teacher will either be able to recommend your child for acceptance into the program, or if there are concerns, arrange for the child to be assessed again. Each assessment is unique. For example, the child may need to come into the classroom for short visits to determine their readiness. There may be a 'trial enrollment period' required for some children to assure their readiness.
5. You will be notified of your child's admission status one week after the interview and observation process is complete.
6. Following admissions you will have a pledge review meeting with a member of the pledge committee to confirm your tuition, pledge, and volunteer commitments. All information in this meeting is confidential.
7. A 10% deposit of your tuition pledge, up to date health and immunization records, completed emergency forms and signed tuition contract are required prior to enrollment.

The following readiness criteria are used when observing the child. Not all need to be met, but this serves as guide in our determining whether a child is ready:

- Toilet Training
- Responding verbally (conversation) with adults
- Engaging in classroom activities through imitation and/or observation
- Responsive and able to follow the teacher's lead
- Developmentally ready and capable to enter into a social setting
- Making eye contact with adults other than their parents
- Able to fit into current program with needs that do not exceed what we currently provide
- Faculty feel that the family will work with them in a positive and constructive manner
- Submit a Child History form and turn in all necessary paper work before enrollment
- The school requests records from previous schools prior to enrollment

