

**SLUG:** IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

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PARENTS -- HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN? IN TODAY'S MOMMY-DADDY HANDBOOK WE HAVE SHELLEY PETERSON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES, AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHER JENNIFER FLETCHER FROM THE DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT TO TELL US WHAT TO LOOK FOR. GOOD MORNING SHELLEY AND JENNIFER. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

(TALKING POINTS)

What should parents look for when deciding if their child is ready for kindergarten?

- Can my child follow a structured daily routine?
- Can my child listen and pay attention to what someone else is saying?
- Does my child get along with and cooperate with other children?
- Does my child follow simple rules and directions?
- Does my child work with puzzles, scissors, color, paint, draw or create?
- Can my child write their name or would they be able to with instruction and practice?
- Can my child identify colors and shapes?
- Does my child demonstrate some academic readiness?
  - Can my child count?
  - Can my child recite the alphabet?
  - Can my child write their name?
  - Can my child recognize rhyme?

What are signs you should hold them back for another year?

- The majority of children are ready to enter school when they become age appropriate.
- Young children fall within a wide developmental range both socially and academically, all of which we see in our schools.
- Parents are in the best position to determine whether or not their child is ready to begin school using the above questions as a guide.
- All parents would benefit greatly from becoming familiar with California's Common Core State Standards for Kindergarten. The resource can be downloaded from the following link: [K-8 California's Common Core Standards Parent Handbook](#)

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THANK YOU SHELLEY AND JENINIFER. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN, GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT FOX-5-SAN-DIEGO-DOT-COM.