

Is My Child Ready for 4K?

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It is hard to believe that spring is knocking at our doors and we are in the early stages of planning for the 2018-2019 school year. With that comes some anxious times for parents of 4 year olds. This is the time to ask yourself, "Is my child ready for 4K?" I can empathize with all the parents of four year olds as I am asking myself the same question. While there is no magic list of tasks a four year old must be able to do before 4K that will give us a yes or no answer, here are some questions to consider:

- Can your child follow simple directions?
- Can your child sit still long enough to listen to a story and participate in an activity?
- Can your child use the bathroom independently?
- Does your child recognize some letters and numbers?
- Does your child practice fine and gross motor skills? (fine motor skills include: holding pencil, crayon, etc; gross motor skills include: jumping, running, throwing)
- Does your child get along with peers?
- Is your child able to recognize and handle their emotions? (It is normal for a four year old to break down in tears when upset, but are they able to calm down or cope with this quickly?)
- Does your child show an interest in learning? (i.e. listening to stories, music, etc.)

There is no right or wrong answer, and as a parent you will know if your child is ready. You know them best.

We will have a parent registration night for incoming 4K families on April 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the SCC Elementary School Library. There will be two other registration times on Friday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., at our Trinity 4K location in Hammond. All incoming 4K families should have received a letter with information on how to sign up for a time slot. This information can be found on our website [at this link](#). If you have any questions prior to the registration dates, please feel free to contact me or Elementary/4K Secretary Jessica Stanton at 715-749-3119 or ljacobs@scc.k12.wi.us or jstanton@scc.k12.wi.us.

We will also be having our 5K registration on March 16th. Please look for information coming on this as well.