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Choosing the Right Cy-Fair Preschool

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Music and movement should be part of the curriculum



Preschool teaches children how to take turns and sit still



Preschool is a great place to make new friendships



Happy, engaged children are a sign of a good program



Primrose students enjoying story time

With each milestone in your child's life comes a variety of emotions, from joy and pride to anxiety and uncertainty. You couldn't wait until she said her first words and now she bombards you with questions of "Why?" You were elated when she took her first steps, but then worried if the house was toddler proof. The fact that your child will grow up is inevitable, but she will still depend on you to guide her in the right direction, and choosing the right Cy-Fair preschool for your little one is an important step as she begins her education.

Is My Child Ready?

The average age of the preschool child is three, although some start as early as 2 1/2 and go when they are four, depending on when his or her birthday falls and your child's level of maturity. When making your decision about whether to send your child to preschool consider, "Is she socially, emotionally, and physically ready to participate in a structured educational program with a group of children?" According to getreadyforschool.com, "Think carefully about what your goals are for sending your child to preschool. Do you just need time for yourself or daycare for your child? There may be other options if it seems he isn't ready yet for the rigors of school."

Making the Right Choice

The next step is to select the preschool your child will attend. Jim Tanner, franchise owner of Primrose Schools of Champions and Barker Cypress suggests, "Ask family, friends,



Look for age appropriate activities at the child's level

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and your pediatrician to recommend local high quality programs. Visit the different websites to learn more about each program. Once you've developed a short list of top choices, call each and, if you like what you hear over the phone, schedule a tour."

When you visit the preschool, arrive prepared with questions and pen in hand to take notes of first impressions when you enter the school, and to jot down questions that might come to mind as you are touring the facility. Tanner says, "Asking the right questions about center policies, educational philosophies and teacher qualifications will help you determine if a school is going to be a good fit for your family."

Positive Preparation

After you have made the decision where to send your child, it is important to prepare her for that important "first day." Positive conversation about what she will experience and doing activities together such as packing her backpack or choosing the perfect outfit will reinforce the idea it will be a good experience. Sandy Burns, Director of The Children's Lighthouse Learning Center on Queenston in the Cypress area says, "Always be positive, build a positive anticipation that will help to make school an adventure to look forward to."

Sending your child to preschool can also be a time of anxiety for you as well, but keeping a cool and calm attitude will result in a better first day experience for both of you. "Remember to be positive, don't shed a tear or tell them you will miss them, tell them you love them and will want to hear about all the fun things they did at school when you come to pick them up. Parents need to curb separation anxiety before it starts, so you can let your child receive the benefits of preschool," adds Burns.



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According to the U.S. Department of Education, preschool plays a large role in later academic success. "The care and education that children receive early in life is crucial to their development and serves as a foundation for their future success," says Tanner.

Don't make your decision in haste. There are plenty of options for you in Cy-Fair. Consider how the preschool will meet your child's needs based on your visit and through the school's programming and environment. Burns adds, "The biggest misconception the public has about preschools or daycares is that they are only babysitting. Preschools offer so much in opportunities for children to learn and grow in a safe and nurturing environment. Preschools offer curriculums that lay the foundation for lifelong learning, where education and fun go hand in hand." **CFM**

MARLENA SOLOMON is preparing to send her youngest to preschool next year and dedicates this story to her sister Paloma, who clearly remembers her first day of preschool.

Choose a preschool where getting messy is okay sometimes



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15 QUESTIONS TO ASK

To save a lot of legwork, you can weed out a lot of facilities by asking key questions by phone. When you call, ask to speak to the director and pay attention to how the preschool staff and administration treat you. First impressions can be great predictors of your future satisfaction with the site. Here are some questions to get you started.

- 1 Do you have openings on the the days and hours I need?
- 2 How long has the director been at the center?
- 3 What credentials does the director hold?
- 4 What training and ongoing education is required for the staff?
- 5 What forms of discipline does the center use?
- 6 Is there an open door policy?
- 7 Is the center accredited by any agencies?
- 8 What is the cost of registration and tuition?
- 9 What is the student-to-teacher ratio?
- 10 Tell me about my child's class/teacher.
- 11 What curriculum is used?
- 12 What is the age range of children in the class?
- 13 How many students/teachers will be in the class?
- 14 What is the size of my child's classroom (dimensions)?
- 15 Are enrichment or extracurricular activities offered?



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