

BRIDGE CLASSES

Five is not the magic age to enter Kindergarten. Children develop at different rates. While a child may be ready academically for Kindergarten, they may need more time for social, emotional, and/or motor skill development.

The bridge program will allow your child to grow, mature, and foster self confidence. As a child becomes more proficient in tasks that were previously difficult, the child develops more of a “can do” attitude. Most children who complete another year of preschool become leaders of their class.

If you are considering the gift of time for your child, consider the following list of kindergarten readiness skills as they apply to your child. Your child need not master every skill on the list, but if your child is unable to do a lot of these tasks, then the extra year to grow may be beneficial to them.

- Can your child jump and hop?
- Can your child handle snaps, buttons, and zippers?
- Does your child make friends easily?
- Does your child participate in group activities?
- Can your child control their own behavior much of the time?
- Can your child sit still and listen to a story?
- Can your child sustain their attention for a 20 minute period?
- Can your child write their name, holding their pencil correctly?
- Can your child follow multi-step directions?
- Does your child recognize all letters of the alphabet and numbers 1-20?
- Can your child cut on a line, holding the scissors correctly?
- Can your child take turns?
- Can your child repeat a pattern?

While you weigh options, be sure to consult with your child’s preschool teacher. Each family has their own set of circumstances to take into account. But whatever you decide, do not forget to consult the Master Teacher himself, Jesus. Our prayers are with you as you make the decision.

“Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

