

Transitional Kindergarten

For the 2017-18 school year, the Tri-Center Community School District would like to explore the option of offering a transitional kindergarten (TK) classroom.

Preference will be given to children who have birthdays in late spring, summer, and early fall. To be eligible for TK, children must be five years old by September 15, of that school year. For example, for the 2017-18 school year, a child must be five years old by September 15, 2017. A year of TK is followed by a year of kindergarten.

What is TK?

- *TK gives children another year to develop physically, socially, and academically before entering kindergarten.
- *TK promotes self-confidence and independence in children.
- *TK serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten.
- *TK gives children seamless schooling as they embark on their academic careers.

How do I know if TK is right for my child?

Many parents are unsure if they should enroll their child in TK or kindergarten. If you answer no to the following questions, TK may be a good program for your child.

- *Does my child like to play with other children?
- *Does my child initiate conversations with others?
- *Is my child willing to share materials?
- *Is my child afraid of new situations and environments?
- *Can my child easily accept "no" for an answer?
- *Does my child show an interest in learning letters and numbers?
- *Can my child sit attentively when being read to?
- *Does my child show good self-control?

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