

# **EARLY ENTRY ASSESSMENT**

In Washington State, a child must be five years of age as of midnight August 31 of the year of entry to be entitled to enter kindergarten. Children who do not meet the age requirements may request to have an early entry assessment. There will be a fee of \$50 to schedule an 1.5-hour evaluation. If your child does not show readiness to enter kindergarten, the program director will ask the parent to enroll the child in Basic Steps preschool program for 2 months and re-assess the child's readiness for kindergarten enrollment.

For first graders, they must be six years old as of midnight August 31. To enter first grade early, the child must have been in a preschool program for 1 year. The program director will ask the parent to enroll the child into our kindergarten program for 2 months to evaluate the child's maturity and learning level. A recommendation letter from a preschool teacher is required before enrollment. If your child passes the evaluation, he/she will be moved to first grade curriculum.