

Is Your Child Developmentally Ready?

The primary classrooms at the Montessori School of Syracuse are designed for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years of age. All children are different, and some are developmentally ready to begin at about 3 whereas others will be more successful if they wait until they are a little older.

The following are a few examples of behaviors we see in a child who is developmentally ready to begin our school:

- Able to sit in a group and listen to stories and engage in activities.
- Will allow teachers to show them how to use the activities on the shelf.
- Able to complete the work cycle; take out an activity, complete it, and put it away with prompting from a teacher if necessary.
- Able to follow daily routines like lining up and walking from one place to another, washing hands, and putting on shoes.
- Be fully potty trained and able to use the toilet independently.
- Able to communicate their needs to the teacher.

Just as children grow physically at different rates, children develop mentally and emotionally at different rates. Not all three-year-olds are in the exact same developmental place.

We want every child to thrive at Montessori School of Syracuse, which means that they need to be developmentally ready to succeed in the Montessori classroom.