



# Top 10 FAQ'S about 2010-11 Kindergarten Program



1. Where did Readiness Kindergarten go?

*Readiness Kindergarten was not cut. Readiness Kindergarten will be blended into the regular kindergarten classroom. Research shows that when a child is not identified as a readiness kindergarten student and is immersed into the regular kindergarten curriculum, that student does better in the long run. Students can move at their own rate and either master the outcomes and move to first grade OR be exposed to the outcomes and loop another year in kindergarten.*

2. When is screening?

*We will not be doing screening this year. In the past, we would screen students in May (which is about 4 months before their school year starts). We would make a determination on what program they would be in without taking into account that huge growth could happen over that 4 month timeline. The blended program will allow for students to be placed appropriately in a regular kindergarten class and move at their own pace.*

3. What will happen when my child loops? Can they keep the same teacher?

*Your child will loop for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in kindergarten. Most of the time, the student would stay with the same teacher (unless requested by the parent). Your child will then be expected to master the outcomes and move to first grade at the end of the year.*

4. When will we know if the teacher thinks my child should loop another year?

*The teacher will keep you posted on your child's progress throughout the year by parent teacher conferences and report cards. The final determination will be discussed at the March parent/teacher conferences.*

5. Why will children be recommended to repeat the same program twice?

*In meeting the children where they are developmentally, some students may have to repeat or loop the second year to be successful with the rigorous kindergarten outcomes. The first year they might just be exposed to, but not ready to master, those outcomes.*

6. I have a child that is currently in Readiness KDG and a child that was going to go into Readiness KDG in the fall, does this mean that they will both be in the same grade?  
*Yes and No. Yes, they both will be in the kindergarten program but one will probably be in the one year program, where your younger child may be in the looping model. We will split your children up to have different teachers (unless requested to have the same).*
7. Can we request another year even if the teacher says they don't need it?  
*Yes, you can request another year even if the teacher says your child does not need it. You can discuss this with your child's teacher anytime during the school year.*
8. What are flex groups?  
*Flexible grouping or "flex" groups are performance level based groups working on specific skills that your child needs to be working on. Whether your child can read/write OR only knows a few letters, your child will be working on where they are performing at any given time. These groups will be assessed every 4 weeks to determine placement. For example, your child is in kindergarten class A but when they are assessed they fall into flex group green. Kindergarten class B's teacher may be taking the green group for the next 4 weeks. So, your child would go to Kindergarten class B for flex grouping time. After being assessed after 4 weeks, your child might move to the blue group. Kindergarten class C's teacher may be teaching the blue group for the next 4 weeks. So your child would go to the Kindergarten class C for flex grouping time.*
9. What type of testing will they be doing to determine flex groups and What portion of time will my child be with their "homeroom" teacher as opposed to their flex group teacher?  
*We will be doing flex grouping with our Language Arts program this year. We will administer standardized tests to determine your child's performance level and group them with other students with the same level. The child will be assessed every 4 weeks to determine their level and be placed in the appropriate group.*
- Flex groups will be 30 minutes every day. The rest of the time, your child will be with their scheduled kindergarten teacher.*
10. Can I make a request for teacher or session?  
*Yes, we will always take requests and honor them the best that we can. You may give the school secretary any requests and she will make note of them. AM and PM sessions will be determined on where you live. So, if you live in a designated AM area and you want your child to attend in the PM, you will have to transport yourself.*

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