

Preschool Screenings/Assessments

Screenings: All children in our program will complete screenings within 45 days of child's start date. We want to make sure that children are healthy and ready to learn. Screenings help us to identify any vision, hearing, speech, developmental or social/emotional concerns early so that we can provide services if needed to your child.

- ★ Vision screenings are completed by the teachers using a vision chart. Additional vision screenings are completed by Lion's Club (through Iowa Kid Sight program) once a year in the fall. Parents will be notified if there are any concerns so they can take their child for a vision exam.
- ★ Hearing screenings are completed by the Area Education Agency (AEA) Audiologist once a year in the fall. Parents are notified by letter if there is any concern. If there are concerns with your child's hearing, the audiologist may recommend a visit to a ENT (Ear, Nose, Throat specialist) or may just recheck your child's hearing in 1-2 months.
- ★ Speech screening is completed each fall. The teacher completes a communication checklist and this is reviewed by AEA staff. Parents are notified if there are any concerns.
- ★ Social/Emotional screening: The Ages and Stages Social/Emotional Questionnaire (ASQ SE) is completed with parents at the teachers initial home visit.
- ★ Developmental Screening: The Ages and Stages Questionnaire 3 (ASQ3) is started with parents at the teacher's initial home visit and completed in the classroom.

Creative Curriculum GOLD outcomes and School Readiness Goals: These outcomes and goals are used to measure children's developmental growth throughout the year. Teachers are continually observing children and looking at their progress (see the handout for more information on specific objectives and goals). This information is used to develop individual goals for children and for overall classroom planning. Your child's progress will be reviewed with you at conferences and home visits.

Health Screenings: Physical health and growth affects children's ability to learn. We want to ensure the overall well being of your child, including nutrition, dental and physical health/growth.

- ★ Physical and dental exam forms are reviewed by our health team who will follow up on any concerns identified, such as high lead levels or dental treatments needed. We want to work with you and your medical provider to ensure you are able to get the services you want/need for your child.
- ★ Heights and Weights are measured three times/year for all children. We review the growth of each child and their BMI (body mass index) and will notify parents of any possible concerns so they can be in contact with their doctor if needed.
- ★ Nutrition information provided by parents in the fall is reviewed by a registered dietician. She will notify you of any concerns with your child's nutritional intake and will also provide information and resources as needed/requested. She is a resource to parents who have any questions regarding their child's nutrition, height/weight, or BMI.
- ★ Dental screenings and fluoride application is provided to all children 2-3 times a year through the I Smiles program. A dental hygienist will visit the classroom to screen all children. Parents complete a permission form for this additional service.

All screening information will be reviewed with parents at the first parent/teacher conference and updated as needed throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.