



The Preschool Years and Your Child's Development

The Preschool Years.....

---are a time when children are learning how to participate and cooperate within a group setting. During this period, all children are working on developing the ability to control their impulses and behavior, use their language skills to express their needs and wishes, extend their attention span, follow teacher directions and classroom routines, improve their self help skills and develop cooperative play and social interactive skills. Many children continue to work on refining these skills throughout the preschool years and into Kindergarten.

If you have significant concerns about your child's development and feel your child may have a disability in one or more areas of development you should.....

- Speak with your child's current teacher if he or she is in a school program.
- Speak to your pediatrician about your concerns.
- If those individuals share your concerns, please contact our office (508-647-6583) to discuss your concerns with the Natick Preschool Principal.

Please remember.....

....that the purpose of a preschool special education evaluation is to determine whether or not your child has a disability and is in need of specialized instruction. In order to qualify for special education services, your child would need to demonstrate significant delays to the level of disability in one or more areas of development, based on the results of standardized testing administered by the Natick Preschool staff, AND that those delays prevent your child from accessing curriculum. Natick Preschool evaluation is not designed to be a Kindergarten Readiness Screening tool or to determine if your child is gifted in any area of development.