

## **Is your child ready to go to school?**

It is never too early to start providing the kinds of experiences that will help your child enter and succeed in school. "School Readiness" refers to the academic, independence, communication and social skills children need to do well in school. Getting your child ready for school requires families to spend time reading, talking and playing with your child.

How well are 2005-2006 Kindergarten students doing in Clinton County?

A survey was mailed to all kindergarten teachers in the Keystone Central School District to assess how prepared their students were entering their classroom to begin kindergarten this fall. (60% of teachers responded to the survey).

During the first 6 weeks of the 2005-2006 school year, indicate the of your **STRENGTHS** of your students;

1. Self Care Skills (knows how to wash hands, use a tissue, eat with utensils, take care of toilet needs)
2. Physical well being (appears physically healthy, well nourished and rested)
3. Self confidence (shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner; is excited to try new things)

During the first 6 weeks of the 2005-2006 school year, indicate the greatest **DIFFICULTY** your students were displaying:

1. Attentiveness (sustains attention in learning experiences; follows 2 step directions)
2. Early Literacy Skills (listens and responds appropriately, retells a familiar story)
3. Fine Motor Development (cuts with scissors, uses crayon or pencil comfortably)
4. Number concepts (counts to 10; counts objects 1-5; names shapes)

Please indicate the items you think are the **MOST SIGNIFICANT** underlying causes of young children struggles.

1. Families do not have adequate support and training in parenting skills and child development.
2. Families have difficulty providing a healthy environment for their child due to overwhelming life stresses (substance abuse, teen parenting, single parenting, unemployment, disability)
3. Children are not receiving early identification of developmental delays or the necessary interventions, supports or services.

Other comments:

“Parent do not understand the rigor of kindergarten. Children without Head Start or daycare experiences sometimes have difficulty with the curriculum.

For more information about school readiness:

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