



**WELCOME TO
MAIN PREPARATORY
ACADEMY!**



**YOUR GUIDE TO
KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

ABOUT MAIN PREP

Main Preparatory Academy is a tuition-free elementary charter school serving scholars grades K-5 in Akron, Ohio. We are dedicated to improving the lives of our scholars through authentic learning experiences in a collaborative, nurturing environment that will build a foundation for scholar success in school and in life. Our project- based learning curriculum incorporates new and emerging practices and technologies.

We believe in hands-on, interdisciplinary learning methods. Our dedicated staff and school leaders work to create a unique and personalized learning experience for every scholar. With small classroom sizes, we have the ability to work one-on-one with each scholar throughout the day! Call to schedule a campus tour at Main Preparatory Academy today!





WHY CHOOSE MAIN PREP ?



Free iPads & Chromebooks*

*available while supplies last



Dedicated Teachers & Staff



Weekly Meal Distribution for Families



Free Summer Learning Program



WAYS TO PREPARE

Children learn many new skills during the kindergarten experience. Below is a list of activities and tactics that you and your child can work on together to better prepare them for when they start school.

- + Say body parts
- + Learn names of immediate family
- + Say phone number & address
- + Visit public places like parks & libraries
- + Initiate frequent social interaction
- + Teach acceptable ways to disagree
- + Play that teaches hand-eye coordination
- + Encourage work values (effort, persistence, initiative)
- + Recognize basic shapes
- + Count from 0-10
- + Say (not sing) the ABC's
- + Talk positively about school
- + Encourage physical activity everyday
- + Establish reasonable limits on behavior
- + Read to them & discuss the story
- + Encourage social values (helpfulness, cooperation, sharing)

ESSENTIAL SKILLS CHECKLISTS

Intellectual: Does your child...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a book upright and turn pages left to right? | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize at least ten letters of the alphabet? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell and retell familiar stories? | <input type="checkbox"/> Know colors, shapes, and sizes? |

Social: Can your child...

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with other children without hitting or biting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit for short periods of time? | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperate with other children? |

Personal: Without help, can your child...

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie their own shoes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat with silverware unassisted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snap, button, zip, & buckle? | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash their hands? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize their own possessions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Blow their nose & cover a sneeze? |

Health: Has your child...

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Had all required immunizations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Developed a regular meal schedule? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had a recent health check-up? | <input type="checkbox"/> Learned to run, skip, jump, climb? |



READING

Prior to kindergarten, children typically learn the concepts of reading through games and activities. Many of these skills are learned through modeling.



Recognize spaces between words



Identify the different types of punctuation



Recognize upper and lower case letters



MATH

The development of number concepts—classifying, ordering, counting and time and space relationships—is directly related to children's ability to perform mathematical tasks throughout their school years and the rest of their life.



Observe page numbers



Compare sizes: big, little, middle



Observe position in space: up/down, under/over, in/out, beside/between



SCIENCE

As children mature, they become more curious about their environment and begin to interact with their surroundings. This is the best time to introduce them to science. Rich sensory experiences (seeing, tasting, touching, hearing, and smelling) can help children become even more observant about the world around them.



Observe what is happening



Predict what might happen



Try to make sense of observations

THE BASICS

Set your child up for academic growth and success before they start kindergarten by discussing and reviewing the basic principles of reading, math and science listed above.





TESTIMONIALS



"When you invest in scholars and create great schools and great opportunities, it changes generations."

Earl Martin Phalen

*Founder & CEO,
Phalen Leadership Academies*

"This school celebrates kids. They praise children so well and they balance it with high expectations. It is a game-changer for these students—hearing how great they do and how capable they are."

Parent Testimonial



"We use so much data because it makes the learning concrete. The students can see exactly what they know and what areas they need to work. Their parents are able to see exactly what they know and what they need to work on. It makes it so much clearer for us to plan our instruction."

Teacher Testimonial

"These are great people; I like the testing; I like the curriculum they have. I said, 'Let's give it a chance,' and it worked out. My kids are honor roll students."

Parent Testimonial



Dear Parents,

Kindergarten is a major turning point in the lives of children and parents alike. Early school experiences have lasting effects on a child's attitude about school, their self-esteem and future achievements. Fortunately, the best person to ensure that your children arrive at school ready to succeed is you! Allow us to partner with you on this new journey at Main Preparatory Academy. We truly love our scholars and we believe in their ability to achieve. We hope that you find this information helpful. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

Earl Martin Phalen

Earl Martin Phalen, Founder & CEO
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To Kindergarten and Beyond at Main Preparatory Academy!



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