



Dear Cardinal Families,

Welcome to preschool! This is a very exciting time for your child and family. This is the beginning of your child's educational career and a lifelong love of learning. We are here to support you and your child during this transition and new experience. All children develop at their own pace and enter preschool with different skills and abilities. Engaging families from the start strengthens the connection between home and school and maximizes learning. You know your child best. We want to learn more about your child from you, the expert!

We are asking you to complete an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), to give your child's teacher as much information as possible about your child's skills and potential areas of growth. Developing ongoing communication and making a school/home connection from the very beginning gives your child the best opportunity for learning both at home and in school!

What is the ASQ?

Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) is an accurate developmental and social emotional screening for children between the ages of birth and 6 years old. Drawing upon parents' expert knowledge, ASQ has been specifically designed to pinpoint developmental progress and identify areas of growth.

What is screening?

- Screening is a quick check of your child's development.
- Screening takes a snapshot of your child's current skills.

Why is screening important?

- Regular screening provides a fast and helpful overview of how your child is doing in areas like communication, social skills, motor skills, and problem-solving skills.
- Screening identifies your child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate, and reveal any areas where your child may need support.

We will be asking you to complete the ASQ within the first 15 days of school and again at the end of the year so we can celebrate growth together! You will receive an email from your child's teacher with a link that will allow you to complete the ASQ from your computer, tablet or phone. We will also have paper copies available if needed. If you would like to learn more about Ages and Stages, you can visit their website at <https://agesandstages.com/> .

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