



Saint Andrew Academy believes the benefits of preschool starting at the age of 3 are overwhelming and something to take notice

Through years of research, scientists have discovered that young children have developing brains that early learning can enhance. Because of this research, child advocates are encouraging parents to send their children to pre-k programs starting at the age of three years old.

Research has proved that genetics is not the only determining factor of intelligence. Scientists have discovered that environment and society have a big impact on brain development as well.

In a longitudinal study on "Early Childhood Interventions" conducted in 2003 by the RAND corporation, young children participated in a quality preschool program and then were given a variety of tests throughout their school years to determine if the early interventions were sustainable.

The study researchers – Lynn A. Karoly, M. Rebecca Kilburn and Jill S. Cannon – concluded that the children who received early intervention had a higher rate of graduating from high school and attending college. It also concluded that those who attended preschool scored higher on standardized tests throughout their school years.

Another study found that children who attended preschool committed fewer and less severe crimes. They also had greater opportunities for employment and had a higher income than their peers that did not attend preschool.

Preschool is a great precursor to kindergarten because it provides socialization. These social benefits lead to a more successful kindergarten year.

Children who have attended preschool are familiar with the expectations of the school setting. Teachers spend less time working on listening skills, following directions, and problem solving. This allows teachers to spend more time on teaching, rather than classroom management.

Activities that are completed at preschool are all geared towards getting children ready for kindergarten. And at SAA, our preschool coordinates and collaborates with our kindergarten program to continue the progression of skill development for each child.

Of course research is always available to counter the argument that pre-school is beneficial, but study after study has shown that if the pre-school employs qualified and accredited teachers, then by far, preschool is a necessary element of a child's development. At SAA, our teachers are highly accredited and offer a caring and loving environment for your child to grow.

We welcome your call for a tour today. We are growing and we want your child to be a part of our school family. 935-4578