

Kindergarten Retention and Enrollment

In September of each year the Kindergarten teachers will meet with the Kindergarten Parents to go over First Grade readiness. This will include First Grade readiness skills that the teachers will be looking for in students over the course of the Kindergarten year. These are skills that children meet once they are developmentally ready (during the 5-7 year shift) vs. skills that are met due to practice. These skills and where a child is developmentally in this 5 to 7 year shift will be discussed in November at the first Parent meeting.

If a recommendation for retention is made by the Kindergarten teacher for a child born after June 1st at the March parent/teacher conference, the school will hold a spot for that child in both Kindergarten and First grade for the following school year. This child will be re-evaluated in late July to see if he/she has grown enough to move on to First grade. The final decision for grade placement for this child, per MSBSD policy, will be the Principal's.

If a recommendation for retention is made by the Kindergarten teacher for a child born before June 1st at the March parent/teacher conference, the school will hold a spot for that child in both Kindergarten and First grade for the following school year IF the parent would like to have their child re-evaluated in late July. In most situations the school will honor the parent's decision to move the child up to first grade. As per MSBSD, final decision for grade placement will be the Principal's.

Parents with children in the lottery for First grade born after June 1st will need to schedule a meeting with the school to have their child evaluated for First grade readiness. If the evaluator feels that the child is not ready for the Waldorf First grade, the family will be told that they need to lottery in for Kindergarten.