Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)

Every kindergarten child entering Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be given the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The results of the screening provide valuable information about a child’s readiness for school, help teachers develop lesson plans to meet each child’s individual needs and offer useful information to parents.

The FLKRS includes a portion of the Work Sampling System (WSS) and the kindergarten portion of the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading aligned to Florida Standards (FAIR-FS). The instruments used in the screening are based upon the performance standards approved for use in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program. Information from the screening will also be used to calculate a readiness rate each year for private and public school providers of the VPK Education Program.

The WSS is completed by a trained kindergarten teacher who observes their children during daily classroom activities. A child’s ability to listen to stories, follow classroom rules and put away materials in the appropriate place are some examples of the skills which will be observed.

The FAIR-FS measures specific skills that are important in learning to read. Each of the measures included in the FAIR-FS is administered by a trained kindergarten teacher. The following areas are included in the screening for students entering kindergarten:

- **Letter Sounds** (a child’s ability to recognize the sounds for letters)
- **Phonological Awareness** (a child’s ability to understand that spoken words are made up of individual sound units that can be manipulated)
- **Vocabulary Pairs** (a child’s ability to match words that are semantically related)
- **Following Directions** (a child’s ability to hear directions and respond by selecting or moving objects on the screen)
- **Listening Comprehension** (a child listens to a passage and answers five questions about the passage)
- **Sentence Comprehension** (a child hears a sentence and selects a picture that best fits the sentence)
- If parents have questions about the screening process, please contact your child’s teacher. We are all working together to make sure that your child’s kindergarten experience is successful.