Gesell Testing for CCK Kindergarten

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK) requires Gesell Testing as part of our kindergarten application process.

What is Gesell testing?

The Gesell Developmental Observation-Revised (GDO-R) is a comprehensive, multi-dimensional assessment system that assists educators and other professionals in understanding characteristics of child behavior in relation to typical growth patterns between 2½ to 9 years of age. It uses direct observation to evaluate a child's cognitive, language, motor and social-emotional responses. Your child's performance will correspond to a Performance Level Rating (Age Appropriate, Emerging or Concern) and the GDO-R will result in a Developmental Age.

The results of the GDO-R provide information to both parents and teachers regarding a child's educational needs. This shared information portrays the child's strengths as well as areas that may need additional support. The results provide a teacher with a greater understanding of the child's Developmental Age, which then provides direction for differentiated instruction.

Why is it required?

We use the Gesell Testing to ensure that our program is a good fit for each child. A child who is performing well below their chronological age might be frustrated in our program. A child who is performing well above their developmental age might be bored in our program.

Can I do CAIS Testing instead of Gesell Testing?

Having the results from CAIS testing for your child is helpful, but it cannot replace the Gesell Testing. The Gesell Test is a much better indicator of success in our specific program. If you have completed CAIS testing and are willing to share it with CCK it is very helpful in getting to know your child on deeper level.

How do I schedule Gesell Testing?

Current Families: Your child's Gesell conducted during school hours at no further cost to your family. When you apply for our kindergarten program, please indicate at the bottom of the application form if you give permission for Kelly Coley to complete the Gesell testing requirement during school, and she will schedule each child's testing with the Fours teaching team during the month of January.

Families new to CCK: If you are not a current family, please contact any certified Gesell administrator to conduct your child's testing. We recommend the administrators listed below as they know our Kindergarten program best, but you can use others who are certified to conduct the testing. Each administrator determines her own fee for testing.

- Kelly Coley (CCK Coordinator of Engagement & Enhancement) - 704-301-1144 ColeyK@christchurchcharlotte.org

If you would like to use someone outside of CCK, Swan Leaning Center is a great choice. jenny@swanlearningcenter.com ; https://www.swanlearningcenter.com/gesell/