



Flipper / Dolphin Readiness Skills

The Pre-K program here at Deerkill Day Camp is for our 3- and 4-year old campers who will not be entering Kindergarten the following Fall. Our Pre-K campers are placed in one of two groups, named the Flippers and Dolphins. These groups are led by warm and nurturing preschool teachers assisted by college and high school students with childcare experience.

Parents often ask us about whether their child is ready for our Pre-K program. We recommend you please read the list of readiness skills below to determine if our Flipper and Dolphin program will be a good fit for your child this summer. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the camp directors, Todd and Rebecca Rothman at 845-354-1466.

- Your child has experience in a structured preschool or daycare.
- Your child is fully potty trained.
- Your child speaks in phrases / sentences to communicate their needs.
- Your child is ok in a full day program with a 45 minute rest hour / quiet time.
- Your child follows simple directions given to a group of children. For example, "Hang up your backpack in your cubby" or "Please find your buddy and line up".
- Your child is able to participate in a group activity led by an adult for 20 minutes.
- Your child is able to separate from caretakers with little or no difficulty.
- Your child uses their words to resolve a conflict rather than acting out physically.
- Your child can ride safely on a bus by staying seated with a seatbelt for the length of the ride to and from camp.