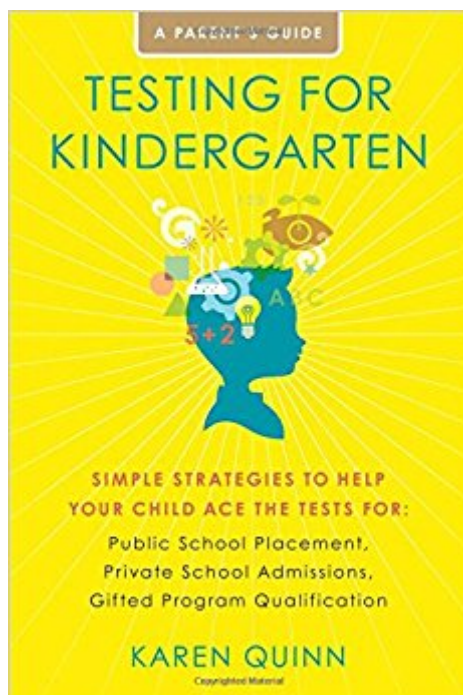


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Testing For Kindergarten: Simple Strategies To Help Your Child Ace The Tests For: Public School Placement, Private School Admissions, Gifted Program Qualification



Synopsis

Karen Quinn has successfully taught hundreds of parents how to prepare their children for testing, and this is her ultimate, comprehensive guide to having fun while teaching to the underlying abilities every test assesses. Whether your child is going to a private kindergarten or a public school, he or she will most likely be tested—and placed in classrooms according to those results. But information about intelligence tests is closely guarded, and it can be difficult to understand what your kids need to know. As an expert who has successfully taught hundreds of parents how to work with their own children, Karen Quinn has written the ultimate guide to preparing your child for kindergarten testing. The activities she suggests are not about “teaching to the test.” They are about having fun while teaching to the underlying abilities every test assesses. From the “right” way to have a conversation to natural ways to bring out your child’s inner math geek, Quinn shares the techniques that every parent can do with their kids to give them the best chance to succeed in school and beyond. It’s just good parenting—and better test scores are icing on the cake.>

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“This book is a goldmine of information--an invaluable resource for parents of young children who want to ignite their children’s learning. With a unique talent for combining the latest scientific knowledge with her own real-world experience, Karen Quinn pulls back the curtain, revealing what educators look for when making admissions and placement

decisions. **•Dr. Marion Blank, Director of "A Light on Literacy Program" at Columbia University** "It is the 'must have' book for every parent going through the kindergarten admissions process. The book is written with authority and experience from someone who knows what she is talking about. I will be recommending it to all parents of preschool children."

•Lyss Stern, Founder of Divalysscious Moms and Editor In Chief of Observer Playground "This is an extraordinary book, without question the best work for parents on the subject of getting a mind ready for schooling. This work needs to be read and applied by every parent of every preschool child. The information is well grounded in science yet remarkably digestible and practical. Karen Quinn has made a terrific contribution, one that should enable countless minds to start school with the mental momentum they so need." **•Mel Levine, M.D., author of A Mind at a Time** "Balmex, baby wipes and this tell-all book...three diaper bag essentials for every mom (and dad). Karen Quinn cracks the kindergarten testing code, and now you can too! Her smart strategies and practical know-how will help you put your child on the path to school and life success. Wise, witty, and well-researched, it's like getting sage advice from a seasoned, savvy, sisterly mom friend who has done her homework. In a word....Testing for Kindergarten ROCKS!" **•Robin Gorman Newman, founder, Motherhood Later...Than Sooner** "It's like cheating; it gives your child a leg up." **•Victoria Goldman, author of Manhattan Family Guide to Private and Selective Public Schools and The Manhattan Directory of Private Nursery Schools** "There are so many books on the market now on how to raise smarter kids - and we don't need another one! But that is not what this book is about. It is about how to get your child ready for kindergarten.... a huge difference! It is filled with common sense advice, excellent ideas, and no cost activities. As teachers we are always happy when it is apparent that parents are doing the right thing...and following the suggestions in Karen Quinn's book is the surefire way to get your little one on the path to school success! I highly recommend this book." **•Judy Mumma, Kindergarten Teacher, Paulding Elementary School (Paulding, Ohio)** "Until now, this information was only available to wealthy parents who hired consultants and tutors. With this book, Karen Quinn has leveled the playing field, making it possible for any parent to give their child an equal chance to get into the best possible school and to perform at the highest level. Whether you're thinking about public school, a gifted program, or private school, read this book!" **•Candice Carpenter Olson, co-founder of ivillage.com** "Thank you, Karen Quinn, for writing the only no-nonsense, beyond informative, useful, common-sense and often laugh-out-loud book whose approach to kindergarten testing (and learning, in general) will manage to assuage the fears of masses of well-intended parents. As a pediatrician, I will recommend this to all parents!" **•Dr.**

Jamie Wells, Pediatrician, NYC

“A Parent’s Guide Testing For Kindergarten made me want to get back into the classroom. As a 30 year public school teaching veteran, I was shaking my head on almost every page because Karen Quinn got it so right. Not only is this a wonderful guide for parents, but it should be on the reading list for all prospective student teachers going into early childhood education. Well thought out, well organized and well done.”

•Bonnie Edelman, Kindergarten Teacher, Aurora Public School District (Colorado)

“Bravo to Karen Quinn for an amazingly straightforward read into an elusive topic. New parents not knowing about the world of private schools are often so riddled with anxiety when they come into my office. Now, it is as if Karen can counsel them directly with this amazing read and it’s healthier than Xanax!”

•Jasmine Lake, Director of Admission, Miami Country Day School

“Don’t let the title fool you into assuming this is a book geared only for the wealthy elite who are fighting to get their kids into private schools -- regardless of whether your child will attend public or private school, this book is for you. I’m the Mom of a 2 yr old and 4 yr old who will with 100% certainty attend ordinary public school in the suburbs. This book explains for us regular parents just what a hard-core IQ test will cover, so we can gauge the preparation level of our tykes. Really and truly, this is a must-read for every Mom of a preschool-aged kids. Loved it!”

•Colleen Padilla, owner of www.classymommy.com

“Testing for Kindergarten tells you everything you need to know to help your child succeed in school and become a life-long learner.”

•Dr. Christianne Northrup

Karen Quinn has tutored scores of children and taught hundreds of parents how to work with their own kids to prepare them for the rigorous kindergarten admissions tests for Manhattan’s most in-demand programs. She has been a featured expert on school admissions on ABC’s 20/20 and The View and in The New York Times, Forbes, Redbook, Woman’s Day, and more. Karen is also the author of three novels: Holly Would Dream, The Ivy Chronicles and Wife in the Fast Lane. She lives in Miami, FL with her husband and two children. Visit her at www.karenquinn.net.

This is not one of but THE book to read if you have small children and are preparing them to take one of the IQ tests out there for entrance into kindergarten. Although the title of this book is "Testing for Kindergarten," it actually teaches a parent the building blocks for a great relationship with one’s child, which is the foundation for learning. I wish I had this book to read when I was pregnant with my son five years ago; alongside all the pregnancy books I read, I think all the tips and advice in

Testing for Kindergarten would have added to the excitement of bringing a child into this world and of being a parent, and taking the role of being my child's first teacher seriously and earnestly. As a mom, you spend a lot of time with your child, often not knowing what to do, what games to play or what to talk to them about. When my son was a baby, I wasn't thinking about the day when he will be given an IQ test, but the day is soon approaching. While I greatly recommend this book to any mom or dad that is about to have children, I actually only got it a month ago, and I can truly say it has changed my approach to rearing my son (and daughter). I want to have fun with them, I want to teach them, because what the author does (Karen Quinn) is show you that learning can be incorporated in everyday activities that you do with your child. So now if I am walking with my son I talk to him, I point things out, I ask him questions. Maybe I did all that before, but having read Testing for Kindergarten, I am doing things in an informed way that will benefit my child academically and in life. I can't say enough of this book. There is much much more in the book than what I wrote about here. She gives so much information about the tests themselves (OLSAT, Bracken, Wechsler, Stanford-Binet, and Tag programs, and others) that is so hard to find anywhere else. I feel so lucky to have found this book and strongly recommend it.

I have to say that this is a no nonsensical way of presenting the testing world to your kid who's barely out of diapers. Seriously, it's an omg moment when I learned that my tot who barely get to sit for 1 minute will be subjected to testing. I knew I needed a miracle and I am glad to stumble upon testing mom last year. I had slowly introduced my son to concepts by play and with the help of this book. He is now able to hold attention for 30mins but we are gradually working on it.

I do not live in an area where school is as highly competitive as it is in bigger cities, but still am concerned that my child will be placed in the most advanced class that he is capable of. I have always had a mistrust of entrance tests because of the stories I hear now and again about my former Montessori classmate showed how just being smart alone doesn't make you prepared for school. This child was touted by those at the school as brilliant but the findings at his first grade placement testing were totally opposite. In just one scenario, the child sensed the teacher was not patient so when listing all the animals he could think of he cut it short for her by offering examples by category such as a mammal, an amphibian, and so on...and thus his list was short and he was labeled a dummy. Though I do not need to excessively coach my child for kindergarten greatness I want to be sure that he has a fair shot at a good education within his genuine ability level. I have a long ways to go before any placement test but I was curious as to what my child should be prepared

for. Ultimately this book teaches parents not merely to coach for a test but how to measure their own child's ability and learn their strengths and shortcomings. It gives action plans for parents to engage their child and even maps out a learning plan. Even though I am not trying to get my child into an elite program this book is a great tool for me to see where I can help boost him up and where he already excels so I can encourage and stimulate his "gifts". I have found little blurbs and tools but this book is a great road map. It has also allowed me to see that the school we chose for him is indeed contributing to his learning and academic success for the future.

If your child is 4 or younger and you see IQ testing in her future, this book will offer some helpful advice for how to prepare in very gentle, general ways. It also talks about some tests specifically. The book may help you decide whether you even want to bother with all of this stuff, and whether it's necessary depending on what the schools are like where you live. I think I got this book a little too late- it would have been helpful before the Weschler, which I was woefully naïve about (but that's another story). After reading half of this book I have decided to avoid the whole testing thing until much later. My decision was aided by this book, but it helps that we seem to have viable options for my daughter that will not involve IQ testing.

This book and its author is a great help to my homeschooling efforts. It has pertinent information and full of inspiring advices. The author now has dedicated her cause to test prep for kindergarten entry and sell products online. I think regardless of the testing needs this book provides valuable home sources for early education and parenting. To me it is an eye opener and I started to talk more details to my infant and spend more time tutoring my preschooler at home in many fronts.

This is such an AMAZING book- full of practical ways to navigate the stresses of Kindergarten testing. Karen Quinn offers a no nonsense guideline on what to focus on, as well as what not to stress in the process of preparing your kids for the evaluations. Its an easy read because of her empathetic approach and much of her advice seems very sensitive to the real drudgery many parents experience during this season of placement. I highly recommend it!

Interesting and informative book. Mainly confirming what I am already doing with my child, nice to know we're on the right track. Written in concise chapters with good examples and exercises at the end of each chapter. If you have toddlers and are interested in their future, you need this book.

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