Here are some reasons why a child should attend kindergarten:

- Kindergarten instruction promotes learning of many skills that are the foundation of the curriculum through Grade 12. For example, early reading instruction is especially important to all learners.

- If a child is an English Language Learner, there is support in kindergarten programs to help the child learn English at an early age.

- A problem that may affect a child’s ability to learn can be identified in kindergarten. An age-eligible child who is attending kindergarten will have that problem identified and will receive appropriate services. The earlier the problem is identified, the sooner the child can receive special services that may help overcome the problem and improve his or her ability to achieve throughout the school years.

- According to research, keeping an age-eligible child out of kindergarten does not result in any long-term benefits.
Q: At what age can my child enter kindergarten?
A: If your child is 5 years old on or before the first of January of any year, he or she can enter kindergarten. Connecticut law requires public schools to be open to all children who reach the age of 5 on or before the first of January of any school year. [C.G.S. * Sec. 10-15c]

Q: If my child is not 5 years old until after the first of January of the school year, can he or she still enter kindergarten?
A: It is the local Board of Education’s decision to admit your child before he or she is age-eligible for kindergarten. [C.G.S. Sec. 10-15c]

*C.G.S. refers to the Connecticut General Statutes