

RIVERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Riverdale Public School is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for its Preschool Program for the 2012-2013 school year. The program will be a half day program. The a.m. session will be comprised primarily of three-year old youngsters while the p.m. session will typically accommodate four year olds. Both sessions will follow the school calendar. The classroom teacher will be certified in early childhood education. Transportation to and from the program must be provided by the parents. It is anticipated that there will be openings in both the a.m. and p.m. sessions of the program for general education students. The available spots will be filled by lottery to be held at the February 22, 2012 public Board of Education meeting.

Our Inclusive Preschool Program incorporates the education of special education preschoolers with that of general education preschoolers and is based upon the *Creative Curriculum*, a state approved model. Special education youngsters are placed in the program through an evaluation process performed by our Department of Special Services.

General education students, who are selected by lottery, would attend the preschool commencing this September, 2012. Instruction in all academic areas will be provided by certified teachers. A modest tuition of \$2,750. will be charged. A \$250. deposit is due upon application. The remaining two installments are to be paid in two equal payments of \$1,250. each on September 12, 2012 and January 9, 2013.

To be eligible, a general education student must be three (3) years of age on or before October 1, 2012 **and be toilet trained.** A birth certificate, copy of immunizations, and four proofs of residency along with the deposit will be required for those students applying for consideration to the program. Deposits will only be refunded if a child is not chosen during the lottery, or if an opening created by the withdrawal of your child can be filled.

A parent information meeting has been scheduled for ***February 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.*** Please call the school office at 973-839-1300 x 100 to RSVP. Parents who have further questions may call Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Superintendent, at 973-839-1300 X 7 or Mrs. Zemaitis, Pre-K teacher, at X 110.

The applications for general education students will be accepted from February 2, 2012 through February 21, 2012 and may be picked up in the school office.