

## Curriculum

Our pre-kindergarten state-approved curriculum addresses a variety of fine motor, large motor, cognitive, social/emotional, and language skills.

Using these developmental areas as a guide, lessons are created to include: math, science, literacy/language, writing, sensory, social studies, technology and visual arts.

We integrate these developmental areas and lessons into our classroom using a weekly thematic approach. Some examples include:

- \*All About Me
- \*Fire Prevention
- \*Dental Health
- \*Insects
- \*Shapes
- \*Holidays Around the World
- \*Nocturnal Animals
- \*Farm
- \*Senses
- \*Seasons
- \*Plants

Our pre-kindergarten program encourages parent communication and participation. A communication book goes home each day. A monthly calendar alerts parents to upcoming themes and events.

## Registration

Registration will begin on Friday, February 18, 2022, and end on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 3:00 PM. If the number of applications exceeds the available space, accepted students will be determined by lottery. The lottery drawing, if needed, will take place on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents will be notified via email of acceptance into the IPK program by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the circumstances our community is facing, we will host a "Meet the Teacher" prior to school starting. Details will be forthcoming.

## CWC Integrated Pre-Kindergarten Program

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## Our Program and Philosophy

The C-WC School District offers an integrated preschool experience for students between the ages of three and five years old (must be fully potty-trained). Designed to provide a nurturing and safe learning experience, special needs and typically developing children are placed together in an integrated learning environment that utilizes a developmental approach. Children are immersed in a variety of planned activities that promote readiness skills, language and social - emotional growth. Research has shown that all students benefit from being in this type of program.

The integrated pre-kindergarten program is held five days a week at the Harrison School. The morning class meets from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The afternoon class meets from 12:15 to 2:45 PM. The full-day session meets from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM.

The daily schedule includes circle time, small and large group activities, snack, story time and teacher-facilitated play time. Lunch for full day students can be purchased through [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). Snacks are not provided. Learning activities are based on the New Jersey Department of Education's Preschool and Teaching Learning Expectations and are responsive to the individual needs and abilities of each child. The class size of sixteen students includes five special needs and up to eleven typically developing children. Special needs preschoolers are those identified by the Preschool Child Study Team and found eligible for special education and related services under the New Jersey Administrative Code.

Children need to be fully toilet trained upon entry into the program.

## Programs

Throughout the year, the IPK program introduces our children to visitors and experiences that complement the curriculum, and may include:

- A visit from the fire department
- Visits from local librarians
- A presentation on insects
- Chick hatching project



## Parent Conferences

Parents receive a written progress report four (4) times per year in November, January, April and June. Parents can meet formally with the teacher during scheduled parent-teacher conferences in January. The teacher is also available for informal discussions throughout the school year.

## Family Events

Throughout the school year, parents are invited into the classroom to help celebrate a variety of family events, including a Back to School night in September, Mystery Readers, a Holiday Sing in December, a Mother's Day and Father's Day celebration in May and June, and a Promotion celebration in June. *These events may be modified due to COVID restrictions.*

## Tuition and Application Process

Our tuition is collected on a monthly basis over a ten-month period. There are two half-day sessions available: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM or 12:15 PM o 2:45 PM. There is also a full day session from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM. The program runs 5 days a week. Space is limited. The program is \$425 per month for half day and \$850 per month for full day.

To apply to the IPK program, please complete the following forms for each student:

- Schedule request form
- Pupil admission form
- Health and medical history form
- Physical examination and immunization form
- Domicile statement
- Landlord statement *(if applicable)*

Payment for one month's tuition is due at time at registration. This payment will be applied to the June 2023 tuition.

**\*\*Students MUST be 3 years old with no child turning 5 by October 1, 2022.**

**Students eligible for the free or reduced lunch program will qualify for reduced tuition.**

**C-WC residents receive first preference for acceptance into the program, then the program will open to residents of all towns.**

