

EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRE-K PROGRAM



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Overview

The East Rutherford School District Preschool programs intend to provide early childhood education and care for children from various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds focusing on the development of the following skills:

- Social skills
- Language skills
- Executive function skills
- Emotional Self-Regulation skills
- Academic skills

Curriculum

The strong educational component to our programs makes us unique. The district utilizes state approved Creative Curriculum®, a research-based curriculum that focuses on exploration and discovery as a way of learning, enabling children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills. Daily, students are engaged in investigations and studies. This approach integrates learning through children's in-depth investigations of a meaningful topic. Children raise questions about the topic, and through exploration and discovery they find answers to their questions.

Our Three-Year Old and Four Year Old Programs

Our three-year-old and four-year old programs are designed for children approximately from three to four years of age, who are completely toilet trained.

Children at this age are very much into peer social interactions and finding a place in the group. They seek acceptance by their peers and needing a positive self-image. With this in mind, we provide an environment that nurtures social skills and encourage confidence and positive self-esteem.

The classrooms are designed to promote whole group, small group and center based learning activities. Our learning centers allow children to become active participants in small-group discussions and learn to use materials and activities where they experience success.

Through active participation, children learn to work in groups and develop a sense of belonging where they share excitement about learning. These classes will consist of a 10:1 student to teacher ratio with a lead teacher and a paraprofessional.

THREE & FOUR- YEAR OLD PROGRAMS



"Children want the same things we want.
To **laugh**, to be **challenged**,
to be **entertained**, and
delighted" Dr. Seuss

**Preschool Program Offerings
for the 2023-2024 School Year
and Beyond**

Developing and Promoting A
Learning Community Where All
Students Can Succeed.

Structure of our Programs

Our programs are structured to target academic, social skills, social emotional learning and executive functioning skills. Core subject areas such as: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are embedded into our program. The students are also exposed to the creative arts, music appreciation, gross motor activities and outdoor play.

Social skills groups, Dance and Theatre are added components to our program. Parent training is also offered. Parent involvement in academic planned activities is welcomed and highly encouraged.

Full Day

The three year-old and four-year-old full day programs operate daily from 8:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our full day programs also serve as integrated programs with a class size/enrollment capacity of 20 students.

Half Day

The three year-old and four-year-old half day programs operate daily in a.m. and p.m. sessions. The a.m. session begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 10:40 a.m. The p.m. session begins at 12:00 p.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

