

Dear Parents,

We are very proud to share information with you regarding Manasquan Elementary School's Integrated Preschool Program!

Our program focuses on the needs of our youngest students, including building a strong foundation for learning and developing important readiness skills that will lead to school success. We believe that the needs of the whole child must be enhanced through a wide range of experiences that address a child's academic, social, behavioral, emotional, and physical growth.

Every child in our school is special and unique. In our Integrated Preschool Program, we look forward to having the opportunity to join together with parents in a very important partnership to best meet the needs of the children. Our goal is to provide each and every preschooler with enriched learning experiences and enhance his or her own personal development.

Sincerely, *Margaret Polak* Supervisor of Special Services

Colleen Graziano Principal

Applications are available on the elementary school website and in the Main Office of the elementary school.

Children who are selected for the AM (3-4 year old) session this year will be given priority to enroll in next year's PM (4-5 year old) program.

Parents are responsible for transportation of preschool students without special needs Who are selected via the lottery process).



For more information contact Margret Polak, Supervisor of Special Services, at (732) 528-8810 (ext. 1015)

#### MANASQUAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Integrated Preschool Program

## 2016 - 2017



Childhood is a journey... not a race!



#### **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Our Integrated Preschool is a tuition program for children between the ages of 3 and 5 who are residents of Manasquan.

In order to register a birth certificate and three proofs of residency must be included in the district application packet.

All preschoolers MUST comply with mandated immunization and dental regulations, and complete the required physical evaluation forms documenting health history. All preschoolers must also be toilet-trained.

Enrollment is open to a limited number of preschool students without special needs.

All application must be received no later than May 30, 2016. Parents will receive written notification of acceptance no later than June 30, 2016. If offered placement, confirmation of attendance is required by July 10, 2016.

### **TUITION**

Payable in 10 monthly installments due on or before the first of the month. AM session students—To be determined PM session students—To be determined An Integrated Preschool is a language-based, developmental program designed to bring preschoolers, with and without special needs, together in an integrated learning and social environment. Our program offers a typical preschool experience with the distinct advantage of a thematic curriculum blended with a modified Creative Curriculum that targets each child's specific learning style and diverse learning needs.

The most important goal of early childhood education is to help children become enthusiastic and inquisitive learners. This means encouraging children to be active and creative explorers,, while learning to become independent and selfconfident. Children also need to become problem solvers and critical thinkers.

Children learn at their own pace and in a variety of ways. Knowing this, our program is designed to meet the needs of all children by providing differentiated instruction in a caring and nurturing learning environment.

In an integrated preschool setting, high value is placed on individuality and compassion. The skills a child learns in these early stages of development provide the foundation for all other skills learned throughout life. In our Integrated Preschool Program, children develop an appreciation that everyone has unique and beautiful characteristics. When children are part of an inclusive setting, everyone benefits by gaining an understanding and appreciation of the many differences among all people—a lesson of a life time.



## Morning (AM Session

#### 8:15 AM to 10:30 AM

3-4 year olds (Birth dates between September 15, 2013 and October 1, 2012

## Afternoon (PM) Session

4-5 year olds (Birthdates between September 30, 2012 and October 1, 2011

Both sessions are held Five days per week, Monday to Friday

The Integrated Preschool Program starts on Wednesday September 7, 2016