

I THINK AREAS IN WHICH MY CHILD NEEDS TO GROW INCLUDE:

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES MY CHILD HAS EXPERIENCED INCLUDE:

SPECIAL CONCERNS I HAVE OR EVALUATIONS MY CHILD HAS HAD INCLUDE:

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

SPEECH THERAPY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

OTHER:

WHAT IS STRATHAM PRESCHOOL?

This program is an innovative preschool model where an environment is created to address both the developmental and social needs of your child. A variety of educational specialists assist in program development, and work in the classroom.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM'S MODEL?

SMS Preschool uses the Creative Curriculum as a model to help plan and implement a developmentally appropriate preschool program. The Everyday Math Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum, and Social Thinking Curriculum are also incorporated in the classroom to further prepare the students to enter Kindergarten. SMS Preschool follows a schedule similar to typical preschool programs. Instruction takes place in large groups, small groups, or individually with a focus on language development, motor development, pre-academic skills, play and social needs. Concepts that are appropriate for all age groups will be taught in whole group lessons (social studies, science, art, and music). The children will have opportunities to work with older and younger classmates to play games, complete projects, and do other activities that foster learning in these areas. Early math and early literacy skills will be taught during small group lessons, allowing the children to work on skills that are aligned to their level of readiness. Interaction among the children is facilitated as needed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Both the morning and afternoon classes will be multi-aged and will have a maximum of 14 students. The classes will be a mix of children who have special needs and children with typical development. This year we are accepting 5-6 children with typical development to join each group. Children who turn 3 prior to 10/1/2016 are eligible to apply.

WHO WILL WORK IN THE CLASSROOM?

An early childhood special educator will be your child's teacher. Paraeducators are also instructors in the classroom. Various activities are directed by SMS's Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist. Other consultants work may be involved as needed.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE?

Please refer to the SAU#16 School Calendar.

Multi-age (3-5 yr. old) --Morning Class

Two Options: 2 days/wk, Tuesday/Thursday

4 days/wk, Monday-Thursday

Hours: 8:45am - 11:30 am

Open House: Tuesday, August 30th, 2016

First Day of School: Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016

Multi-age (3-5 yr. old) --Afternoon Class

Two Options: 2 days/wk, Tuesday/Thursday

4 days/wk, Monday-Thursday

Hours: 11:45am - 2:30 pm

Open House: Tuesday, August 30th, 2016

First Day of School: Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016

WHAT IS THE COST ?

Tuition for the two day program is \$1,200.00 for the year. Payments of \$600.00 will be made in September and February. Tuition for the four day program is \$2,400.00 for the year. Payments of \$1,200.00 will be made in September and February.

HOW DO I APPLY ?

Applications are available at the SMS front office on March 11, 2016. Questions you have about the class should be included on your application. Applications are due to the office no later than April 15, 2016.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS

BEEN SELECTED ?

You will receive written notification by April 22, 2016.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE TRANSPORTED?

Parents will be expected to provide transportation. Carpooling is encouraged.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Children eligible for both programs must be toilet trained.*

***Due to the number of adults working in the program parent volunteers are not needed. However, there are other volunteer opportunities in the building.*

**** All children must be Stratham residents to participate in the SMS Preschool program.*

***** As a participant in this class, your child will be videotaped or observed by a variety of professionals.*

If you have any questions, please contact
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