

## The Staff Consists of:

- Early Childhood Special Education Teachers
  - School Psychologist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
  - Occupational Therapist
    - Physical Therapist
  - Instructional Assistants

For more information please contact:

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Director of Special Services

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School Psychologist

Center School

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If you have a concern about your preschool child's development please contact:

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or

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# Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

Regional School District 18



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## Program Description:

The Lyme-Old Lyme Preschool is a tuition free program designed for identified special education students and selected peers. This program serves preschool age children in the communities of Lyme and Old Lyme.

The children in two of the four classes attend four days a week in either a morning or afternoon session, while the children in the other two classes attend four full day sessions a week. Classes meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and follow the school calendar.

Transportation is provided for identified special education students as needed.

## The Goals for the Preschool Program are to:

- \*Facilitate cognitive and language development through play and a variety of active learning experiences.
- \*Promote physical development, including fine and gross motor skills.
- \*Develop positive self-esteem and appropriate social skills.
- \*Develop positive health, safety and nutritional practices.
- \*Support families and provide information through ongoing home-school communication.

## Peer Participation:

All children learn best through active play experiences, exploration, and language opportunities with other children. Typical children demonstrating developmentally appropriate skills and abilities, who are selected as peers, greatly enhance the preschool experience for all. Parents of selected peers are required to provide transportation for their children.

## Peer Selection Process:

Children three years old on or before August 31st are welcome to participate in a spring peer visit. A peer visit is arranged by contacting Myra Gipstein at the Lyme-Old Lyme Preschool, located at Center School. Peer selection is lottery-based, with consideration for age and gender balance in each preschool class.

