Project Before Preschool

Sayreville Public Schools

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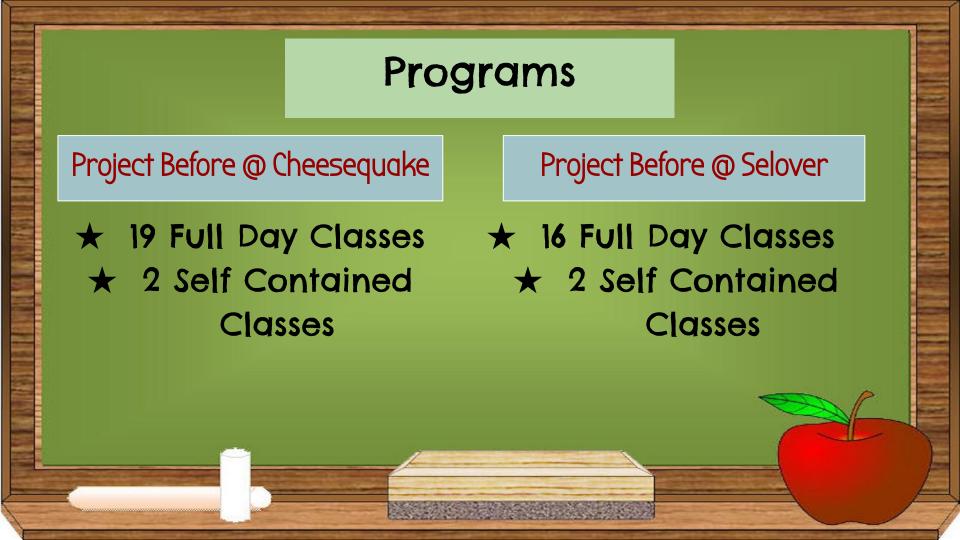


Project Before Preschool Program



The mission of Sayreville Public Schools is to educate today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders by providing all students with a high quality, challenging education that instills character and enables our students to compete successfully in the 21st century... and it all begins in our awesome preschool program!

Play is the highest form of research!
Albert Einstein





Current Preschool Locations

*Acelero -Head Start 310 Augusta Street

*Garden Friends 3018 Bordentown Avenue

*The Peace Rose !3079 Bordentown Avenue *Garden Friends on Main 172 Main Street

*The Learning Experience 521 Raritan Street

*Kidzland 777 Washington Road

Program Operating Hours

7:45 am - 1:45 pm

- The Sayreville Early Childhood
 Program is a full-time,
 6 hour-per-day program, as
 mandated by the NJDOE-DECE.
- The program follows the district calendar as much as possible, and operates when the public schools do.
 - This includes holidays and snow days





Classroom Requirements & Support Staff

Each classroom has:

- → One P-3 (Preschool-3rd grade) certified teacher
- 1 Paraprofessional
- → Maximum of 15 Students

And is supported by:

- Preschool Instructional Coach (PIC)
 PICs coach teachers on the development of pedagogy and practice to affect student outcomes.
- → <u>Preschool Intervention & Referral Team (PIRT)</u>

 PIRT members coach teachers on the development of social-emotional practice to affect student outcomes.





**Program Director

**Principals

**Supervisors of Early Childhood

**Family Advocates

**Community and Parent Involvement Specialist

**School Nurse

**Child Study Team

**OT/PT/Speech Therapists

**Guidance





Program Curriculum: Tools of the Mind

Research-based program

One of four approved curricula recommended by the NJDOE-DECE

Differentiated instruction model allows teachers to provide challenges and/or support where needed to ensure classroom success of all learning abilities.

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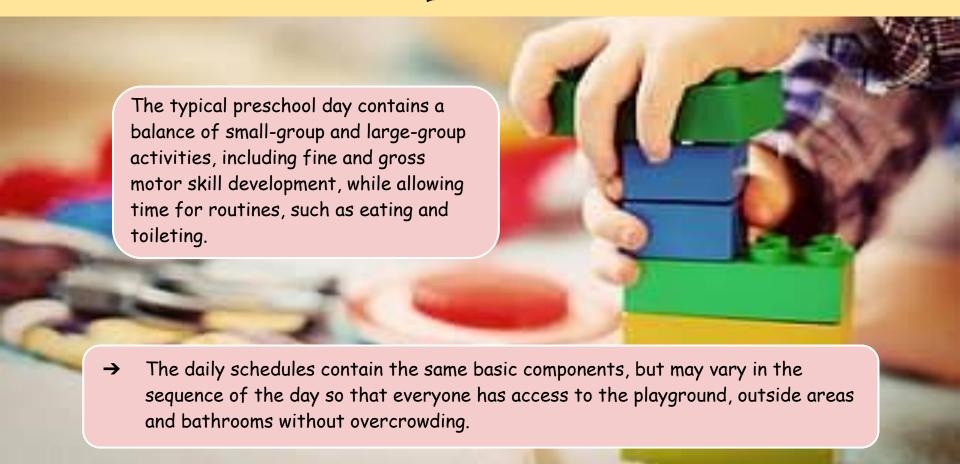
The development of cognition and social-emotional self-regulation.

CURRICULUM GOAL:

To help students acquire a set of mental tools that foster school readiness and enhance academic success by using small-group instruction to promote:

- → Self-regulation
- → Focused attention
- → Deliberate memory
- → Symbolic thinking
- → Early literacy
- Early numeracy

What does a typical day look like?



Screenings and Assessments

Early Screening Inventory - 3

- ★ Children are screened with the ESI-3 upon entering the program and by the teacher.
- ★ This screening gauges several developmental domains and assists in identifying children in need of additional assistance.

Tools of the Mind assessments

★ In a Tools classroom there are daily assessments, as well as assessments that occur once a month, and then three times a year—beginning, middle, and end of the year.

How are parents informed of their child's progress?



Do the students go outside?



In the event the children do not get the opportunity to go outside, the teachers will conduct gross motor activities in the building's gym (if accessible), or in the classroom.

How can parents be involved in the program?



Attendance Counts and Matters!

Students are expected to attend school daily, unless they are ill. It is recommended that a doctor's note accompany their return if applicable.

- ★ NJDOE defines Chronic Absenteeism as being absent 10% of the total expected days of school. This equals 18 days and amounts to 108 hours of instruction lost.
- ★ If a child is absent for 10 consecutive school days, your child may be removed from the program's enrollment.
- * As your child nears certain milestones, you will receive notices to discuss attendance from the preschool leadership.
- ★ Lack of attendance will jeopardize your ability to participate in our program.

Please be cognizant of school calendar when planning vacations. These will be logged as absences and will be reflected on the student's school record. This will be an unexcused absence.

Sayreville Public Schools District Calendar

2023-2024

SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024 *

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Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal for Students & PLC (2.5hrs) Staff

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7	Staff In-Service Day - No Students
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11	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conference
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Eary Dismissal - Last day for Students Last Day of School for Teachers * Please note Calendar dates may change due to emergency closings.

Note: (3) days have been built into the calendar in the event that schools are closed for any unanticipated reason. If they are not used they will be deducted from the last day of school. If there are additional closings for unanticipated reasons, calendar changes will be made in the following order: January 15th will be a half day for students, February 19th will be a full day for students, and full days for students will be taken from Spring Break beginning with March 25th, then moving sequentially

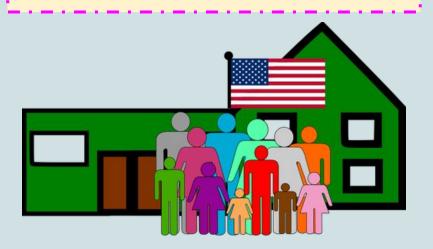
Eary Dismissal for Students School Closed - Juneteenth

> Number of possible days: 185 - Students 189 - Teachers

BOE Approved: 03-01-22

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Before & After School Care



- Before and after school care is offered at all preschool locations.
- Once your child is assigned a classroom, the provider will contact you, during the summer, to fill out the paperwork and set up the care that you need.
- Leading Edge at Cheesequake and Selover will be available.

**Leading Edge information...

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