

Universal Prekindergarten Program

The district is beginning the recruitment process for the Universal Prekindergarten program for next school year. An informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at East Side Elementary School. Parents of children who turn 4 years old on or before December 1 are encouraged to attend.

This year the Gouverneur School District offered families a Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program housed at the East Side Elementary School. The Program has two half-day sessions, with each session lasting approximately 2½ hours. District transportation is provided to and from school. Each child is provided with a meal that is eaten in the classroom.

This year each section (morning and afternoon) has 18 students, a teacher, and a teacher assistant. Students from the BOCES Early Childhood Program and the high school's government class assist in the classroom.

The children participate each day in stimulating, hands-on activities that strengthen their large and fine motor skills, language and literacy development and most importantly, their social and emotional growth. The program incorporates reading, writing, math, music, art, science and technology in a variety of age-appropriate activities that promote and foster learning.

The children participate in field trips and are encouraged to attend special events offered at the school. Children's progress is shared either through home visits with the teacher and teacher assistant or a parent conference is setup at school. Report cards and progress reports are sent home to promote home-school communications. Monthly literacy packets are sent home for families to complete together.

The classroom is busy, exciting and full of activity. Play centers include: blocks, art, computers, family/house area, science, water/sand table, table toys and puzzles, and reading. Every day is full of fun, learning and laughter!

Please call Mrs. Jenness at 287-4870 to be placed on the mailing list. Thank you.