

Dear Parents or Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that we have been selected by the Alabama Office of School Readiness to operate an **Alabama Pre-K Program**. Alabama's Pre-K Program provides appropriate activities and learning experiences that help prepare young children for school. The term *school readiness* means that children are socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively prepared for continued success in kindergarten. Alabama's Pre-K Program helps children become independent, self-confident, enthusiastic learners. Participation in the program encourages children to develop good habits and daily routines. At this time we are accepting preliminary applications, **please call (334) 214-9004.**

There are a total of fifty (50) Pre-K vacancies. Twenty slots are funded by OSR (which offer a reduction in Pre- K fees based on income). The Pre-K First Class is designed to help middle working class families give their child a quality educational experience with a degreed teacher. OSR Pre-K fees range from \$10.00-\$75.00 weekly based on income. The remaining thirty (non-state supported) Pre-K slots range from \$50.00-\$75.00 weekly based on income. State assistance is accepted as a method of payment for these slots. Pre-K fees are cheaper than the average rate of childcare and the enriching experience gained by your child will be priceless.

Pre-K offers hands-on experiences, academics, field trips (zoo, aquarium, farm, museums, etc.) science, literacy, math and more. The program runs parallel to a normal school day, beginning at 8:30 a.m. ET and ending at 3:15 p.m. ET. Extended care is available in the morning and the evening.

The Pre-K application package must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2008, in order for your child to be included in the selection process on June 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Pre-K slots will be filled through a combination of promotion (current children enrolled at center) and a lottery drawing. Acceptance letters will be mailed the first week of July 2008, along with required enrollment forms. If your child is not selected for the program, your application will remain on file in the event a vacancy in the program occurs.

Application Criteria: Children are required to be 4 years old on or before September 2.
Enrollment Criteria: (The following documentation is needed, if your child is accepted in the program)
□ Student's Birth Certificate
□ Student's Social Security Card
☐ Alabama Immunization Form-Blue (Can be obtained from the Health Department)
□ Two Proofs of Residence (Utility Bill, Rent Receipt, Lease, etc.)
□ Picture ID for Parent or Guardian
□ Guardianship Paperwork for Legal Guardian(s)
For additional information you may contact Daisy Deida or Quian Huff at (334) 214-9004 or visit us at
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Sincerely, Quian Huff