



Dear Parents:

Welcome to Park Early Childhood Center.

Our school building houses three programs – First Steps for Ossining families with children ages 0 to 4, Pre-Kindergarten for four year-olds and Kindergarten. At Park “early childhood education” covers the years from birth to the end of Kindergarten. We are extremely proud to be able to design a path of instruction for preschool children that is aligned with our district’s curriculum goals and provides a solid, age-appropriate foundation for academic success.

We describe our instruction as “language rich, experience-driven and play based.” Our classrooms are noisy, busy places that allow for exploration, experimentation and practice. This design works well within the young child’s developmental framework and also maximizes the opportunity to develop school readiness. We also emphasize pro-social behavior that fosters self confidence and empathy.

The success of early childhood education is entirely dependent on the collaboration of families. On any given month, families will have a selection of workshops or events held right in our school. Our faculty and staff select topics that support our instructional program but we also appreciate suggestions from our entire school community. We rely on you to take part in our many activities and to join us in creating a nurturing, exciting school for young children.

As your child enters the Ossining Schools at the Park Early Childhood Center, we initiate that promise that is at the heart of public education: to support *every* child’s achievement through --

An equitable distribution of our resources;  
An investment of our creativity and expertise;  
The discovery and encouragement of individual talents and strengths;  
The forging a loving bond between children and their teachers;  
The reinforcement of the sheer joy of learning;  
And service to our community.

We look forward to getting to know your family.

Sincerely,

Principal