

# Little Wildcats Preschool



Little Wildcats is a high quality preschool program that is designed to foster pre-academic, social, language, and motor development in children. Little Wildcats is a blended preschool program jointly operated by West Northfield District 31 and the Northern Suburban Special Education District (NSSD) and serves both typically developing preschoolers and preschoolers who have delays in their development.

## Students:

- Students must be residents of District 31 or neighboring districts with proof of residency upon registration.
- Students must be at least 3 by September 1st.
  - Please inquire about options for younger 3 year olds.
- Class sizes are limited to 14-16 children and half or fewer of the students in the program meet eligibility for early childhood special education services.

## Calendar and Hours:

- Little Wildcats will follow the District 31, Winkelman School calendar
- Morning session - geared toward younger students with some exposure to Kindergarten readiness - 8:30 am - 11:00 am
- Afternoon session - geared toward older students with more emphasis on kindergarten readiness - 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

## Registration and Fees:

- The program will begin accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year February 1, 2017. Please contact the District Office if you would like to enroll your child in the preschool program. Open enrollment will continue until the classroom is filled.
- Tuition for the 2017-2018 year is \$3,500.00
  - \*Please note tuition is non-refundable.
- \$200 non-refundable deposit due at registration - (credited toward first tuition payment - if not paid in full)
- Upon entering the preschool program, students will be required to have a physical exam and show proof of required immunizations. This is in accordance with the State of Illinois requirements.

## Curriculum and Program:

- Taught by a licensed Early Childhood Teacher with additional teaching assistants and specialists (speech and language pathologist, occupational and physical therapists, school psychologist) supporting the classroom.
- The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> is a research-based curriculum which serves as foundation for the instruction. Additional programs (Jolly Phonics, Handwriting Without Tears) place heavy emphasis on early literacy skill development.
- Opportunities for teacher-directed learning and self-directed exploration at 11 interest areas: blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, library discovery, sand & water, music & movement, cooking, computers, and outdoors.
- Frequent and ongoing assessment of student skill development.
- School setting provides access to playground, library, indoor activity space, and upper grade helpers.
- Prepares students to enter full day kindergarten classrooms at Winkelman.

For questions about registration and fees, please contact the District office, 847-272-6880.