



Watertown Public Schools Just Friends Preschool Program

John Trumbull Primary School, 779 Buckingham Street Oakville, CT 06779

860-945-4808

For the 2020-2021 school year all classes are full at this time. If you would like an application for our waiting list, please click on the link and mail to our office; you will be contacted if a spot becomes available.

The Watertown Public Schools Just Friends Preschool Program is strongly committed to providing an enriching environment where all children, ages 3 and 4, will experience success and learn at their highest level. Our Preschool is an inclusive early childhood education program that provides developmentally appropriate programming for students identified for special education and for children who are typically developing; with an approximate 50/50 ratio.

The Preschool follows the Watertown Public Schools' calendar, classes are offered in the morning (8:45 -11:25 a.m.) and afternoon (12:30 - 3:10 p.m.) sessions.

Tuition rate for a 4-day class during the 2021-2022 school year:

\$ 2,252 - 4 days

A Virtual Open House is scheduled on Monday, February **08, 2021** during which registration for the 2021- 2022 school year will occur. Announcements for Open House will also be published in the Town Times and can be found on the Watertown Public School Website.

The preschool staff will present parents with a brief overview of the program. The preschool program offers the opportunity for three and four year old children to participate in an active learning environment along with children who have special needs.

The active learning classrooms encourage child-initiated learning in a developmentally appropriate setting.

Children are eligible for the program if their date of birth is on or between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the preschool will offer four-day morning and four-day afternoon classes in the lottery.

Those wishing to participate for the open house-lottery application can do so by using the following link:

Meeting Code: meet.google.com/jxy-ffny-gnz or phone number 1-224-650-8515 pin#433816815

Pre-School applications can be found on www.watertownps.org

All completed preschool applications must be submitted to Rose Rizvani by email rizvaniro@watertownps.org or fax 860-945-8772 by February 9, 2021.

Our preschool program is designed to foster:

- A life-long natural curiosity for learning
- Active learning through play based exploration with a balance of child-initiated and teacher-selected experiences
- Language development and pre-literacy experiences
- Social-emotional competence
- A confident transition to kindergarten
- A partnership with parents and community

The preschool curriculum is based on the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards which includes the standards for cognition, social and emotional development, physical health, development, language & literacy, creative arts, mathematics, science and social studies.



All classrooms follow **The High Scope Approach** which follows basic principles that include:

- **Active Learning Environment**...Children learn best through “active participatory learning” which is direct, hands-on experiences with people, objects, events and ideas.
- **Positive Adult-Child Interaction**...Children are guided by trained adults who understand the important learning areas for children in the preschool years.
- **Consistent Daily Routine**...Following a consistent routine day after day gives children the sense of security they need to be able to make choices and take risks, which opens the door to exciting opportunities. The consistent daily routine at Just Friends includes:

Hello Time	Work/Play Time	Snack Time
Table Time	Recall	Small Group
Circle/Planning Time	Clean Up	Outside/Gross Motor Time
		Good-bye Time

The High Scope 6-Step Problem Solving Approach is utilized to help the children become more independent problem solvers both inside and outside the environment.

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, children at the age of 3 may be eligible to receive special education or related services. If you think your child may be eligible for these services, or if you have a concern about your child’s development, please contact the Director of Student Services at 860-945-4808.