



UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Applications for this program are available through your School District

UPK is a voluntary program for both districts and children. Parents and/or guardians may choose, but are not required to enroll their children in a UPK program. In New York State UPK is lottery based. Upon enrollment, the school district's attendance policy must be applied. All application choices will be reviewed and final classroom placement for your 4 year old students will be made after BOCES has mailed out the placements for the state funded Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. Since funding for this program is based on the passage of the NYS budget in April, a lottery for this program is not done typically until May. Creative Play does not have any influence on your application.

Below is some information about our UPK classes:

- Classes meet Monday - Friday
- Morning session: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
- Afternoon session: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Class size : 14-17 children
- There is one certified classroom teacher and one teacher's aide
- We follow all the guidelines and regulations set by the state of New York
- Each family serves on one committee
- Parents provide snack and beverage for their student daily
- Creative Play is an allergy aware school
- Staff is First Aid & CPR certified
- Building monitored by security cameras & door access control system
- All UPK classes follow the Creative Curriculum, which is based on the five areas of development for children. They include:
 1. **Approaches to Learning:** How children become involved in learning and gathering knowledge
 2. **Physical Development and Health:** Children's physical health and their ability to engage in daily activities.
 3. **Social & Emotional Development:** Helping children become confident and competent learners. Helping children understand their own and other's feelings and giving them the ability to express their emotions appropriately.
 4. **Communication, Language & Literacy:** Helping children to listen to, understand and use words, through classroom activities and play. Helping children connect new words to previously learned concepts and language.
 5. **Cognition and Knowledge of the world:** Helping children develop their ability to acquire knowledge by thinking about, understanding and interacting with the world around them.

FEES

- Tuition is funded through New York State
- Registration Fee: \$75.00 non-refundable fee
- Bond: \$60.00 fee per family
This bond insures Creative Play that the cooperative obligation (serving on a committee) is met. The bond will then be returned to the family at the end of their stay with us.