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District 90 Inclusion Preschool program at Willard School

River Forest School District is pleased to offer an Inclusion Preschool program (previously referred to as the Blended Preschool program). This program is available to River Forest residents, and is housed at Willard Elementary School for all qualifying District 90 students.

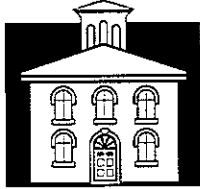
This will be the third year of inclusive preschool programming for qualifying students ages 3, 4 and 5 in District 90.

One morning (am) and one afternoon (p.m.) multi-age session will be offered. The goal of the preschool is to provide students with a positive, nurturing environment that fosters social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth and development. The staff consists of a teacher who is certified in early childhood education and special education, two teacher assistants, and related service providers. The classroom is made up of 3, 4, and 5 year old students who work and play in the inclusive classroom with students of all abilities. There are no more than 18 students in the class. All of the students' diverse learning needs are met by having a low student-to-teacher ratio, which provides opportunities for individual and small group attention.

The morning session begins at 8:20 am and dismisses at 11:10 am. The afternoon session begins at 12:20 pm and dismisses at 3:10 pm. Both sessions are five days per week. The program includes community students from River Forest as well as District 90's Early Childhood Education Program. The fee for the program is \$13/day, or \$237.00/month.

Upon entering the Inclusive Preschool Program, all students are required to have a physical exam and show proof of required immunizations. This is in accordance with

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State of Illinois requirements. Community students should be toilet trained by September 1, 2018 in order to attend.

Research has shown that there are factors that can put children at risk for academic failure later on in schooling if not intervened with early learning opportunities. This program allows for young children to have access to an environment, materials and curriculum to help them get ready for kindergarten. Students who are “at risk” in a developmental area will be given an opportunity to enroll first. Registration will then be offered to students on the wait list.

If you are interested in this program, and your child will be between 3 and 5 years of age (and not age-eligible for kindergarten) by September 1, 2018, please call Karen Boozell at 708-771-8282. Enrollment is limited.