



## **FSSD VOLUNTARY PRE-K INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

**What is the Franklin Special School District/State of Tennessee Voluntary Pre-K Program?** Voluntary Pre-K provides a high quality educational program through an active learning approach. Young children learn skills at their own level in ways meaningful to them. A holistic approach to Kindergarten readiness prepares children socially, mentally, emotionally, and physically. If you walk into a Pre-K classroom you may see children playing house, putting on a puppet show, or building a miniature town with blocks and little people. Experienced, knowledgeable, understanding teachers and staff guide students through music, stories, songs, and play. All of these fun activities help children develop academic and social skills as they play.

**Your child may qualify for Voluntary Pre-K during the 2017-2018 school year.**

**To be eligible children must have been born on or between August 16, 2012 and August 15, 2013, live in The Franklin Special School District, and qualify in one of several ways.**

The Tennessee Department of Education Office of Early Learning requires school districts first serve students who are economically disadvantaged. Space permitting, students may be served who have disabilities, are identified as English Language Learners, are in state custody, or are identified as educationally at-risk for failure due to circumstances of abuse or neglect.

**Children attend Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Monday through Friday for a six hour day.** Each class is limited to 16 children working with a teacher and paraprofessional. The program is free of charge although parents are required to provide transportation.

**For more information call any FSSD Elementary School or Lee Kirkpatrick at (615) 591-2802 and ask to be placed on the list to receive application materials. Applications will be mailed to families requesting information no later than March 10.**

Voluntary Pre-K has proven to be a valuable element in Franklin Special School District's commitment to provide excellence in teaching and learning for all. We welcome your questions related to Voluntary Pre K. If you have questions please contact:

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