

Children with and without special needs will be educated together in an innovative, child-centered program designed to promote the academic, social, emotional and language development of every child. The program will consist of 5 half-day sessions per week.

Key program components include:

- ✚ A **State approved curriculum**, which is aligned with the NJ Department of Education's guidelines for high-quality early childhood education and designed to ensure students are prepared to **successfully transition into kindergarten**.
- ✚ Weekly whole class lessons facilitated by a certified Speech and Language Specialist to enhance **language development**.
- ✚ Weekly whole class lessons facilitated by an Occupational Therapist to enhance **fine motor development**.
- ✚ Weekly instruction in **art, music, and media** taught by certificated faculty members.
- ✚ Ongoing involvement in school-wide events including **assemblies, special programs, theme days, and field trips**.

Enrollment is open to a limited number of typical preschool children who will be selected via a lottery process. A preschool readiness screening will be administered following the lottery drawing. In order to be eligible, children must be at least 3 years of age, but less than 5 years of age, on or before October 1, 2009. All children must be toilet trained. Parents are responsible for providing transportation and paying tuition to the Board of Education at a rate of \$350 per month for ten months.

Applications for the program are available at the Montville Township Board of Education Office/ Department of Special Services (328 Changebridge Road), or online at www.montville.net.

Completed applications, including proof of residency, must be returned to the Department of Special Services no later than 3:00 P.M. on April 16, 2009. A public lottery will be held on Friday, April 17th, at The Board of Education Office; letters of admission will be mailed April 20th. For additional information, please contact Kim Cluen, Special Education Program Coordinator, at (973) 331-7100 Ext. 2242.