



Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech

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Dear Prospective Parent:

Thank you for your interest in our Preschool Program.

The Clarke Integrated Preschool Program has been operating since 2010, using a reverse-mainstream, language enriched, academic model. Neighborhood children who are 3 and 4 years old attend school with children who are deaf and hard of hearing and are learning to communicate using spoken English. Children are educated in classrooms with a low student to teacher ratio, led by highly educated Masters Degreed teachers. Clarke's teachers are particularly well trained and experienced in using typical preschool experiences to foster language, independence, social skills and creativity. Children without hearing loss benefit as much as the children with hearing loss. In this supportive and nurturing setting, children develop the kindergarten readiness, pre-academic skills, social skills, and knowledge of school routines needed for success in kindergarten.

Our integrated class is an academic class. While socialization and play are an important part of the day, the skills and knowledge needed for a successful kindergarten transition are the main focus- pre-academic skills, problem solving, pre-reading, and strong language skills are the focus of what we do.

Set on two levels, the school houses classrooms, a library, a sensory gym, a kitchen for cooking activities, and more. Preschool hours are 8:30am-2:30pm. The summer program runs for 6 weeks. The school year program closely follows the public school calendar.

Our admission decisions for children with normal hearing are based on age and age-appropriate development, and readiness for the program. After an application is received, and as long as openings are available, we will set-up a time to meet with you and your child/children. A non-refundable application fee of \$100 is due with the application. After notification of acceptance, children are admitted to the program in the order in which a deposit is received. We do keep a waiting list.

We encourage you to make an appointment to observe our program in action, and look forward to meeting your child!

Sincerely,

Meredith Berger
Director