

Chaplin Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten

School Readiness Program

People used to think children were ready for kindergarten if they could say the ABCs, count, identify colors and write their first name. Readiness was always more complicated than that, and new brain research is helping us understand what readiness really is. Readiness doesn't mean just knowing the academic basics. It means a child has a willing attitude and confidence in the process of learning: a healthy state of mind.

The community of Chaplin has been very fortunate over the past several years to apply for and receive a School Readiness Grant from the State of Connecticut's Office of Early Childhood. Funding from this grant directly supports Chaplin's pre-kindergarten program and assists families who wish to send their children to a pre-kindergarten program. Over 200 families and children have benefitted from this grant since its inception.

One of the selection criteria for the School Readiness Grant requires the pre-kindergarten program to be accredited by NAEYC-The National Association of the Education of Young Children. NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children by connecting practice, policy and research. NAEYC ensures a sustained high-quality preschool program by promoting best practices and supporting all who care for, educate and work on behalf of young children.

The Chaplin Elementary Pre-kindergarten Program, accredited by NAEYC, believes that all children are competent learners and capable of positive outcomes. The best predictor of a child's success in school and life depends on the development of healthy attachments with their family and parents. Research shows that the most effective way to promote a student's readiness for school is to form key positive relationships with his/her family. The Chaplin Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Program is a strong believer in this philosophy and incorporates parent and family involvement in every aspect of its program.

For admittance to the program, a family must be a resident of the town of Chaplin with a pre-kindergarten child who will turn three or four years old on or before December 31st of that school year. Chaplin's program includes support and services to children and families to ensure that all children reach their potential for success in the school community. This program is an inclusive one servicing students with disabilities, as well as income-eligible and full tuition families.

If you are interested, or require more information about this program, please call the Chaplin Elementary Pre-kindergarten Program at Chaplin Elementary School. (860) 455-9593.

CHAPLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Pre-Kindergarten
Screening**

Monday 5/7/18

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Wednesday 5/9/18

All children who will be 3 or 4
by December 31, 2018 are eligible to apply.

To participate in the program, your child must
attend the screening.

For an appointment please call

860-455-9593