REACH 2016



What Would You Like to Know?

What days and hours are you open?	Monday through Friday, 9-12 or 9-2.
How much does it cost?	9am-12pm is \$900 per year, 9am-2pm is \$1,500 per year.
What is the difference between the half day program and the extended day program?	The students who participate in the extended day program are provided with additional opportunities to enrich and reinforce skills introduced in the morning.
What is an integrated preschool program?	REACH provides a caring and nurturing program where students with special needs work side by side with their peers through purposeful play activities.
Does the program provide time for snacks?	Students bring a snack from home for mid-morning. Those students who stay for the extended day will also bring a lunch from home. Students will eat their lunch in the classroom.
Is there an outdoor space for physical activity?	Students are provided with an enclosed space with developmentally appropriate play equipment. In addition, students are offered motor activities in the gym.
How many children are in each class?	The number of students depends on the enrollment. This year we had approximately 14 students per classroom.
How many teachers in a room?	A minimum of two adults are in each classroom.
What experience does the staff hold?	The teachers are both certified in Early Childhood and Special Education.
Who else works with the children?	We have a Physical Therapist, an Occupational Therapist and a Speech and Language Pathologist that work weekly in each classroom. We also have a Music Teacher and a Physical Education teacher.
Can my child take the bus?	Transportation is offered both ways to students who participate in the 9-12 session. Transportation is only offered in the morning for the 9-2 session. Children dismissing at 2:00 must be picked up by a parent at Washington Primary School.
Are you on the same schedule as Region 12?	Yes, there are some differences with weather related circumstances.
What is your program's curriculum philosophy?	We use the CT Early Learning and Development Standards. The following link will provide further information: <u>Early Learning Standards - Connecticut Early Childhood Education</u>
What ages can attend?	Children need to be 3 years old by December 31, 2016.
What if I have concerns about my child's development?	We offer free screenings and evaluations as needed. Call for an appointment, 860-868-6100.
How are the classes made up?	Classes contain mixed age groups and ability levels.
Do the pre-schoolers interact with the elementary students?	As a school we are eager to embrace new and dynamic ways to include our preschool students in our full school community. The preschool students have several opportunities to interact with the elementary students. Preschool students participate as appropriate in school-wide assemblies, special events and as buddies to other classes. In addition, many of the elementary students serve as helpers to the preschool and guide students during arrival and dismissal times.
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