

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in our preschool programs. We would like to tell you a little bit about each of our Preschool programs here at Lamping. We have 3 programs: the KIDS program and 2 Early Childhood Inclusion (ECI) Preschool programs.

The KIDS (Kids Integrated Delivery System) program works with children who have been identified as having autism. This program is a Full Day program and meets 5 days a week. This program typically has 8 students identified as having autism and 3 or 4 general education peers. There are 3 adults in the room (1 teacher and 2 assistants). **General education peers that participate in the KIDS program must be 4 years old by Sept. 30, 2020.**

The Early Childhood Inclusion (ECI) program works with children who have been identified as having delays and have an IEP (Individualized Educational Program). This program is a Half-day program (2 sessions/ AM & PM) and meets 4 days a week (M- TH). This program has 50% of the students with IEPs and 50% are general education peers. There are 16-20 students in each of the sessions (8 with IEP's and 8-12 general education peers). There are 2 adults in the room (1 teacher and 1 assistant). **General education peers that participate in the Early Childhood Inclusion (ECI) Preschool program must be 3 by March 31, 2020 or 4 years old by September 30, 2020.**

Our programs use developmentally appropriate activities to build student skills. The programs focus on language skills and social/ behavioral skills, as well as preschool academic skills. General education peers are expected to have good attendance, be able to model average to above average language skills and social/ behavioral skills, be toilet trained and be able to separate from parents without distress. Parents must also transport their child to and from school.

As we all know, 3-4 year old children may hit, bite or be aggressive towards their peers. Please understand that we handle these types of situations using developmentally appropriate behavior management strategies and we continuously monitor to ensure that all children are in a safe environment.

Please follow the link below and complete the Early Childhood Interest Form by **Friday, April 3, 2020.**

<https://forms.gle/B8PZB5XbNqvyJovy5>

Once you've completed the Interest Form, please follow the Sign-Up Genius link below to register your child for **ONE** of the ½ day sessions (AM or PM) on either **Monday, April 27, 2020 or Tuesday, April 28, 2020**. Please indicate any requests/additional information that you would like us to consider in the comment section when you sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4AABAB22A0FD0-general>

On the day of your child's observation, please drop them off at the gate by the bike racks (north side of school) at **8:05am or 11:45pm (depending on which session you choose)** and someone will be there to check them in. We ask that all parents leave as soon as they drop off their child so that we can see how they transition away from parents. You will pick your child up at the same gate at **10:30am (AM session) or 2:11pm (PM session)**.

Children **do not** need to wear Standard Student Attire (SSA) for this observation.

Children should bring a small snack with them so they can participate during snack (small baggie/ pre-packaged snack with their name on it is perfect). Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** environment. If your child has any other allergies or medical concerns, please let us know when you drop them off.

We will be selecting peers on **Friday, May 1, 2020**. You will receive an email stating **either** acceptance to one of the programs or wait list for the programs. If your child is accepted, the front office staff will provide timelines for registration. If you are unable to enroll your child or change your mind, please let us know so we can select the next child on the wait list.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child!

Lamping Preschool Team

