

## **Change in Preschool Model**

The Brown School is considering changing its preschool model for the 2012-2013 school year based upon current educational research, best practices, information gathered from local preschool models and the new common core curriculum frameworks for preschool. Specifically, we are restructuring our program to delineate between younger students who are in their first year of preschool and older students who are preparing for Kindergarten. Our program will remain an integrated program that follows an inclusive, developmentally appropriate curriculum designed to meet the needs of all children from a wide variety of backgrounds, skills and abilities. Our integrated team will continue to include dually certified preschool and special needs classroom teachers, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a speech and language pathologist, a school psychologist and behaviorist.

## **Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Classes**

Thus, we are designing a *preschool* model for 3 year olds and a *pre-kindergarten* model for 4 and 5 year olds. Our preschool model for 3 year olds will be very similar to our current model which is an integrated program structured through play and meaningful activities in a developmental sequence that is center-based and includes skills embedded during circle time. Our pre-kindergarten model for 4 year olds (and 5 year olds that miss the kindergarten cut-off) will follow the same model and also incorporate more advanced academic skills and kindergarten readiness skills in alignment with the national common core standards.

## **Models offered**

Additionally, the Brown School believes that our students will benefit from being in school consistently throughout the week and that offering a model that ensures continuity of study without interruption between the number of days the students attend school will improve students' academic, social and emotional development as well as prepare them better for kindergarten. Next year we are proposing offering:

### **½ Day Program- 4, ½ days per week with an additional ½ day every other Friday**

- ½ day sessions in which students attend 4, half days a week (Monday-Thursday) with a fifth ½ day *every other* Friday. There will be both AM sessions (8:45-11:15) and PM sessions (12:45-3:15) offered. The ½ day program will be available to both 3 and 4 year olds but students will be placed according to age either in a preschool program or a pre-kindergarten program

### **Full Day Program-5 days per week**

- We are also proposing to offer a full-day pre-kindergarten class from 8:45a.m.- 3:15 p.m. for older 4 year olds and some 5 five year olds who miss the kindergarten cut-off.

**Please return by Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to the Brown School.**

**Please indicate below your interest in our new model:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in enrolling my 3 year old in a 4 ½ day per week ½ day preschool program from 8:45-11:15a.m. Tuition would be 3,125.00 annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in enrolling my 3 year old in a 4 ½ day per week ½ day preschool program from 12:45-3:15p.m. Tuition would be 3,125.00 annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in enrolling my 4 year old in a 4 ½ day per week ½ day pre-kindergarten program from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Tuition would be 3,125.00 annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in enrolling my 4year old in a 4 ½ day per week ½ day pre-kindergarten program from 12:45-3:15 p.m. Tuition would be 3,125.00 annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in enrolling my 4 or 5 year old in a 5 day per week full day pre-kindergarten program from 8:45-3:15. Tuition would be \$5,000 annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not interested in any of the above models and will enroll my child at another school.

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*Optional:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of 9/1/12: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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