

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to kindergarten in the Shrewsbury Public Schools! Please take the time to read the Incoming Kindergarten information on the districts web site. We would like you to know that you will receive your child's teacher assignment during the month of July 2016.

If your child attends Parker Road Preschool, Little Colonials, or Parker at Wesleyan program, it is not necessary for you to register him/her for kindergarten. However, the information on the district website will be helpful to you. Once screening is complete we will begin making up classes for next year.

As principals, we very frequently visit classrooms for the purpose of observing teaching and learning. Every teacher is fully qualified and understands how to meet student needs. Classes are heterogeneous; that is, a representative mix of students in the school. The major factors we consider include: learning needs, social and emotional needs and gender ratios. You can see this is a complicated process, which is based upon our best assessment of each and every child. We believe that the kindergarten program should offer every child the best possible learning environment. We cannot place children on the basis of where his/her best friend is placed nor can we place on the basis of parent preference or the teacher's reputation in the community. We know that teachers have different styles and strengths, as do the children. For the reasons expressed above, we will not accept requests for a specific teacher. We have strong confidence in the capability of all our teachers. If you have a specific concern about your child that you wish the school to be aware of with regard to placement, please contact us in writing or by email.

The schools and families in Shrewsbury have a history of working together for the benefit of all children. Your support in returning all the necessary forms will make our task more efficient. It is important to all of us that every child has a good chance for success. We appreciate your trust and support and we thank you for working with the school in the best interest of your child and our overall educational goals. We are looking forward to a great year together!

Sincerely,

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