

## **FSSD PRE K INFORMATION 2014-2015**

Franklin Special School District is currently taking applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program. What is Pre-K all about? Pre-K provides a high quality education program through an active learning approach. Young children learn skills at their own level in ways meaningful to them. We help children prepare for kindergarten socially, mentally, emotionally, and physically. If you walk into a Pre-Kindergarten classroom, you may see children playing house, putting on a puppet show, or building a miniature town with blocks and little people. Experienced, knowledgeable, understanding teachers and staff guide them through music, stories, songs, and play. All of these fun activities help children develop academic and social skills as they play.

Your child may qualify for next year's program. To be eligible, children must have been born on or between August 16, 2009 and August 15, 2010, live in The Franklin Special School District, and qualify in one of several ways. The Tennessee Department of Education Office of Early Learning requires that school districts first serve students who are economically disadvantaged. Then students may be served who have disabilities, are identified as English Language Learners, are in state custody, or are identified as educationally at-risk for failure due to circumstances of abuse or neglect.

Children attend Pre-Kindergarten Monday through Friday, beginning in the morning and ending in the early afternoon. Each class is limited to 16 children working with a teacher and an assistant. The program is free of charge. For information call Lee Kirkpatrick (591-2802) or any FSSD elementary school and ask to be placed on the list to receive application materials. Applications will be mailed to families requesting information no later than March 14.

Pre-Kindergarten has proven to be a valuable element in Franklin Special School District's commitment to meeting each child's needs. This program has given many young children an early opportunity for success.