

EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrea Evans, Superintendent

Gregory Wilson, Business Administrator

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Dear East Greenwich Township School Community,

In January 2025, we opened four full day, tuition-free preschool classrooms for three and four year olds residing in East Greenwich. These classrooms are fully funded through Preschool Education Aid from the NJ Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood.

We are preparing to fill our open seats for the 2025-2026 school year with a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students **must be 3 or 4 years old as of October 1, 2025**, reside in East Greenwich and be up to date on immunizations. The classrooms will be mixed age with three and four year olds in the same room. Approximately 70% of our seats will be reserved for four year olds, and 30% will be reserved for three year olds. Students are expected to attend the program five full days per week, and transportation is provided to eligible preschool students. Please note:

- Students who turn 5 years old on or before October 1, 2025 are NOT eligible for preschool. They are eligible for Beginners.
- Students currently enrolled in the preschool program do NOT need to participate in the lottery.
- This is a new lottery for the 2025-2026 school year. Lottery results from 2024-2025 are not valid for the 2025-2026 school year.

To be considered for the preschool lottery, please complete the <u>2025-2026 Preschool Lottery Application</u>**by Monday, March 14th at 10:00am**. Late applications will not be considered. Once registered in the lottery, you will receive an email with a lottery number and directions to access the live, virtual lottery by March 19th.

The lottery will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 10:00am. All parents who submitted Preschool Lottery Applications will be notified of lottery results by Monday, March 24th. If your child was selected via the lottery, we will initiate the registration process. Please click <u>here</u> for registration requirements.

A Frequently Asked Questions document provides additional information, and it can be found here.

We look forward to welcoming more students into our Jeffrey Clark School and providing this opportunity to our families.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans