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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited that you and your child are participating in one of our pre-K programs this school year. Your child's teacher and administrator will support your child with joyful and interactive lessons to give them the foundation needed for kindergarten and a lifetime of learning. These efforts include monitoring and supporting your child's progress on a wide range of social and academic skills as well as language development throughout the school year.

In the beginning of the year, programs screen children for possible developmental and instructional needs, per New York State Universal Prekindergarten regulations. Your child will be screened by his/her classroom teacher using the Early Inventory Screening–Revised (ESI-R®), or a comparable developmental screening tool, within 45 days of enrollment.

This screening will assist your child's teacher in learning more about various aspects of your child's development and instructional needs. This screening does not determine readiness for kindergarten. It is not a test of IQ or related to admission into a Gifted & Talented program. Your child's teacher will share the outcome of this screening with you.

We are also asking you to complete and return the Parent Questionnaire that will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or our office at earlychildhood@schools.nyc.gov.

For more information on Early Childhood resources please visit our website at http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/EarlyChildhood/parentfamilies/resources.htm

Sincerely,

Sophia Pappas