

# Peer Model Preschool Registration Open Now

Are you looking for a quality preschool program for your child?

**Auburn School District Early Childhood Education program is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Peer Model preschool program.**

The Peer Model program is part of the Auburn School District Special Education Early Childhood program serving preschool children with developmental delays. We are now accepting applications for children three and four years old to participate in an enriched learning environment with their peers with developmental delays. Children must be three years old by August 31.

The focus of the early childhood program for all children is to develop language and communication, small and large muscle skills, social skills and interaction with peers and adults and skills in thinking and problem solving. We use research based curriculum, early childhood standards based instructional strategies and all children's skills are monitored for progress. Classes are staffed with highly trained, certified special education/early childhood teachers and two paraeducators.

In addition, speech language pathologists and occupational and physical therapists provide instruction and support for specific children and include all children in group activities. *ACTIVES*, a motor skills (physical education) program, for preschool children, is led weekly by an occupational and/or physical therapist with the help of therapy assistants and classroom staff.

Peer models (children who pay tuition) play a very important role in the program as eager learners and good role models for language and social skills (play) development. Children get to interact with their peers and learn about differences. They have the opportunity to take a leadership role in helping their peers with developmental delays by communicating verbally and assisting peers in appropriate play, while learning tolerance, acceptance and recognizing strength in themselves and others.

Parents of peers in our program share:

"I hope you know just how POWERFUL your peer model program is... You have taught *my daughter* more than you know. What you have taught her goes beyond letters, colors, sounds, and shapes. You have instilled confidence in her and a sense that helping others is "just what you do". I just wanted to let you know that we truly appreciate your work with our daughter." (Mrs. Amy K)

"We have been so thrilled with *our child's* development this year in every respect. His academic skills have flourished, his sociability has blossomed and his ability to attend and self-regulate is everything we could expect developmentally of a five year old. ...we are convinced that his extraordinary growth and development is directly attributable to the

influence of *his teacher*. I have no questions that *he* is fully prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed. ” (Mr. Ben T)

Tuition Rates: All tuition is from September through June  
4 days per week, without parent volunteering: \$135.00 per month  
4 days per week, with parent volunteering 10 hours per month to ECE program: \$110.00  
First and Last month, September and June tuition due in September before entering school.

Our eight Early Childhood Education (ECE) sites are located in elementary school buildings and have openings in both morning and afternoon sessions. Applications are available and placement is on a first come, first serve basis at the ECE program closest to your home. When calling for an application and/or information, please ask to speak to the Early Childhood Education teacher at one of the following schools:

Alpac	253-931-4976	Arthur Jacobsen	253-630-2441
Chinook	253-931-4980	Dick Scobee	253-931-4984
Evergreen Heights	253-931-4974	Gildo Rey	253-931-4952
Lake View	253-931-4830	Lea Hill	253-931-4982

*Parents must provide transportation to and from school.*