

WATERVLIET UPK PROGRAM



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OUR UPK PROGRAM

- Our Watervliet UPK program is designed to prepare every four-year-old in program for kindergarten by building the foundations for their educational success.
- Our program gives children an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life.
- Our program partners with families to promote the role of parents as their child's first teacher.



OUR UPK PROGRAM

- 53 Universal Pre-Kindergarten spots - Grant Funded
- 18 Priority Pre-Kindergarten spots - Grant Funded
- Collaboration with Head Start Organization
 - Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP)
- 4 Classrooms equipped with early learning materials & supplies, certified early childhood education teacher, and certified teacher assistant



OUR PROGRAM GOALS - SOCIAL SKILLS

- Establish positive relationships with children & adults
- Express feelings or wants verbally
- Speak clearly and in full sentences
- Share and take turns when playing
- Use good manners—saying “Please” and “Thank you”
- Follow class routines with only occasional reminders



OUR PROGRAM GOALS - READING & WRITING

- Enjoy reading books and imitate reading behaviors
- Recognize the letters of the alphabet by sight, both upper and lower case
- Hold a pencil using the correct grip
- Write first name using capital and lowercase letters
- Engage in conversation
- Answer who, what & where questions



OUR PROGRAM GOALS - NUMBERS & COLORS

- Identify and describe squares, circles, triangles and rectangles
- Name common colors
- Recognize numbers and count up to twenty objects
- Sort common objects into groups
- Identify patterns



OUR PROGRAM GOALS - EVERYDAY SKILLS

- Use self-help skills, such as opening their own snacks, washing hands & brushing teeth
- Take their coats off and put their coats on, including fasteners, zippers, buttons, etc.
- Show curiosity and motivation
- Use scissors, pencils and crayons
- Understand two or three-step instructions



"THE DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UPK STUDENT"



STUDENT REMARKS...



THANK YOU!