



over the
moon

integrated pre-school

What is an Integrated Preschool?

An integrated preschool program is different from other preschools in that it incorporates the education of general education preschoolers with preschoolers who have special needs.

This innovative program will provide our children, the youngest members of our community, a child-centered environment in addition to all the supports and services needed to achieve valuable learning outcomes as well as form and maintain productive social relationships with other children.

Inclusion means teaching all children together, regardless of ability level. Inclusive programs celebrate children's similarities as well as their different abilities and cultures. In inclusive classrooms, children with special needs take part in the general education curriculum based on their ages and grades. They are not put in a separate classroom, but rather the curriculum and the room are adapted to meet children's needs.

Children with special needs will be included in the program upon the recommendation of the New Milford Child Study Team.

Goals of Over the Moon

Our integrated preschool addresses the following skills:

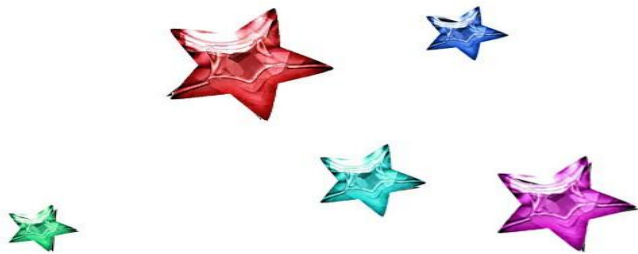
- ✓ Social and emotional
- ✓ Fine and gross motor
- ✓ Cognitive
- ✓ Play
- ✓ Self-Help
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Visual motor

Over the Moon uses play as the foundation for learning. Through play, children are able to develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally as they interact with each other in the classroom setting. Developmentally appropriate materials and props are thoughtfully chosen and introduced into the various learning centers

to enhance the children's natural abilities toward exploration, active learning, and role playing.

Students will participate in small group and individual activities under the direction of the preschool staff.

A speech/language therapist, an occupational therapist, and/or a physical therapist will work with all students in the class.



Routines

Our schedule is as follows:

Drop-off: 8:45 AM Entrance to the program

- Parents must walk their child to the Over the Moon entrance by the playground. Classroom aides and/or the teacher will be at the Over the Moon entrance and will escort your child to class. All school doors are locked during the school day. Therefore, if you arrive late to drop off your child, or need to enter the building for any reason during the day, you must enter the building through the IBC entrance by the colored crayons.

Pick-up: 2:45 PM Dismissal from the program

- Parents must arrive at the Over the Moon entrance to pick up your child. If you arrive late to pick up your child, you must enter the building through the IBC entrance by the colored crayons.

School Closings:

- We will follow the New Milford Public Schools calendar. If there is a delayed opening the hours will be 10:45-2:45. If there is an early dismissal, your child needs to be picked up at 12:45 PM.
- Over the Moon may close due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The New Milford Public Schools uses the School Messenger system. This system will call each family's phone number with a recorded message. Therefore, it is imperative that we always have an updated email and phone number. In the event of poor weather conditions, parents are urged to use their personal discretion in deciding to send their child.

Transportation:

- Transportation is NOT provided by the New Milford School District. Parents are responsible for bringing their child to/from school each day.

Before/After Care:

- There is no before/after care provided for students.

Classroom Management:

Over the Moon's approach to discipline implements positive and developmentally appropriate techniques that ensure a child's physical and psychological safety.

Classroom expectations and consequences are always age appropriate, definable, enforceable, and consistent. We focus on the behavior, not the child. We validate children's positive behavior, promote confidence in their ability, and encourage prosocial growth.

Toileting:

All Over the Moon all children must be fully toilet-trained and able to care for their toileting needs independently. However, special circumstances will always be taken into consideration for individual children.

Occasionally, young children have accidents. To be prepared for such an "emergency" a complete change of clothing (underwear, socks, shirt and pants or shorts) must be provided and kept in each child's cubby. Children should be able to manage changing their own clothing without adult assistance. If a child is unable or unwilling to change independently, a parent/family member will be called.

Tuition

FULL PAYMENT

\$4,425.00 due June 15, 2021

BI-YEARLY PAYMENTS

\$2,212.50 due June 15, 2021

\$2,212.50 due Jan. 14, 2022

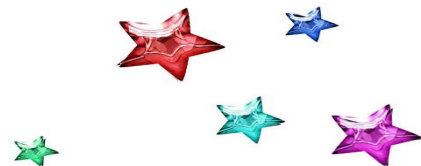
MONTHLY PAYMENTS

\$442.50 due on June 15, Sept 15, Oct 15, Nov 15, Dec 15, Jan 14, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 15, May 16.

LATE PAYMENTS OR RETURNED CHECKS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$15.00 LATE FEE.

Checks are to be made payable to the
New Milford Board of Education
referencing "Over the Moon Preschool Program 2021-2022"

Parents/Guardians who make chronic late payments or non-payment will be requested to meet with the Director of Special Services. Payments are expected as per the schedule. If payments are chronically received late, your child will be removed from the program.



The first payment (CHECKS ONLY-NO CASH) as noted above is to be mailed to the following address by June 15, 2021:

New Milford Board of Education
470 Marion Avenue
New Milford. NJ 07646
Attn: Judy Van Saders

Please do not send tuition payment in a child's backpack to give to the teacher. Payment may be dropped off at the David E. Owens Middle School Office addressed to Judy Van Saders. If you have any questions regarding the program or payment information, please contact Mrs. Van Saders at (201) 265-8661 ext 4901.