

Summer Steps Family Expectations

Summer Steps staff is committed to providing a high quality educational program that will prepare its students for optimal success in kindergarten. Summer Steps staff believes in building a strong partnership with children's families. To that end, families applying to Summer Steps must agree to take an active role in their children's education and meet the following expectations:

- 1) Children will attend the program daily unless an absence is absolutely necessary due to illness or family emergency. Families will notify Summer Steps staff by 9:00am if a child will be absent that day and why.
- 2) Children will arrive promptly and be picked up promptly each day. Children participating in after-care must be picked up by 6:00pm each day.
- 3) Parents/Guardians or another adult family member in the child's household will communicate with teachers by telephone or email as needed for the benefit of the child. Family involvement is essential to a child's educational success and can provide valuable information to teachers that will assist with meeting a child's needs in the classroom. Families are encouraged to reach out to teachers throughout the program. Families will respond to teachers' requests to communicate with them for the benefit of children.
- 4) Parents/Guardians or another adult family member in the child's household will participate in at least two hour-long workshops offered by zoom during the five-week program. Summer Steps staff understands the challenges that work commitments can pose and will work with families to accommodate work schedules whenever possible.
- 5) Financial obligations will be met in a timely fashion.

Summer Steps staff looks forward to a successful partnership with each family and the positive impact that partnership will have on each child's progress throughout the program. Director: Lydia Spinelli