

DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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This September, the Demarest School District expanded its program offerings to include a preschool, Demarest Early Learners (DEL). Demarest residents now have access to a dynamic preschool program housed at the County Road School, a unique educational environment for their early elementary aged children in grades pre-k through first.

DEL is a very unique preschool program offering a plethora of services from certified staff. Classroom teachers hold dual certifications in both P-3 and special education and a full-time nurse is available throughout the day. The staff infused into the program are a speech and language therapist, an occupational therapist and a school social worker who helps the children with problem solving and teaches age-appropriate yoga lessons. School psychologists visit the classroom to promote positive social interactions, help children identify and express feelings, and guide students in making good choices and independent plans. Moreover, English Language Learners support is available for eligible students. Additionally, students partake in Art, Technology and Music classes. For special education students, a 3:1 model is used - the related services take place three weeks out of the month. The fourth week is utilized consulting and collaborating student strengths and weaknesses, and decisions are made to help students reach their full potential. All staff members collaborate to provide a rich preschool program in which the students expand their vocabulary, build math and science skills and develop interpersonal skills. These goals are reached through imaginative play, music, listening to and telling stories and guided exploration. One of the goals of the program is to provide an educationally rich environment that supports the social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth of each child.

To set up a visit to observe the new preschool program or for further information, please email Superintendent, Mr. Michael Fox at FoxM@nvnnet.org

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