Our Learning Environment

ARRIVAL/EXPLORATION MORNING MEETING CENTER(S) TIME SNACK **GROUP ACTIVITIES** CIRCLE OUTDOOR PLAY LUNCH OUTDOOR PLAY QUIET TIME SNACK/PROJECTS GOODBYE GROUP

DISMISSAL

STARS School Readiness Preschool Program Follows the Ledyard Public Schools Calendar Morning arrival is 8:45 a.m. Afternoon pick-up is between 2:30 and 2:35 p.m. Morning and afternoon snack is provided

> Lunch <u>is not</u> provided (Children must bring lunch) Before and after school care

> > <u>is not</u> provided

Transportation is not provided

For more information

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Ledyard Public Schools

STARS SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Gallup Hill School 169 Gallup Hill School Ledyard, CT 06339

<u>STUDENTS THAT ARE</u> <u>READY for SCHOOL</u>

860-572-0259

Program and Philosophy

The Ledyard Public Schools STARS School Readiness Preschool program is a state funded initiative to provide children in the community with an early educational experience promoting school readiness.

The program is aligned with the Connecticut Preschool Curriculum Frameworks therefore is both well balanced and developmentally appropriate. The staff encourages each child to grow and learn at his/her own pace and style.

The STARS Preschool program seeks to strengthen and support the relationship between home and school creating an educational partnership.

The staff collaborates to provide a full circle of support. Teachers inform families about their child's experiences in their educational environment during their school day and parents share relevant information from activities in the child's home environment.

The family plays a vital role in early childhood education and the STARS program encourages family involvement

Focus of Instruction

The Ledyard STARS Preschool Program is dedicated to helping children develop to their fullest potential. The program upholds the Preschool Performance Standards as developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

DOMAINS OF DEVELOPMENT

- > PHYSICAL
- > COGNITIVE
- > PERSONAL/SOCIAL
- > CREATIVE

EXPRESSION/AESTHETIC

Students are assessed by using the Performance Goals and Content Standards. Performance Indicators outline what children should know and be able to do by the end of preschool.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Our program is committed to serving families in the Ledyard community without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin.

Children of Ledyard residents ages 3-5 are eligible to apply.

Children are selected to participate based on the availability of slots. The school has a capacity to serve 36 children and applications are selected through a lottery process.

The Ledyard STARS Preschool is funded by the State of Connecticut School Readiness Grant, but families are required to pay a small tuition fee. Tuition is based on income criteria guidelines and a sliding scale fee. Income verification of gross annual family income will be required two times per school year.

Applications can be obtained on The Ledyard Public Schools website <u>www.ledyard.net</u> and in district school offices.