

# OLGC Preschool



## September News

Welcome to OLGC Preschool! We are looking forward to a school year filled with fun experiences: making new friends, running and climbing on the playground, singing songs, painting masterpieces at the easel, building architectural wonders with blocks, and all the while developing the skills necessary for success in school and in life!

The 3's and 4's classes will attend "specials" classes at the big school on Monday mornings at 8:30, beginning September 12. They will alternate between Gym class, Spanish, Science Lab, and Library during the course of the month. On Fridays, they will participate in Music and Movement classes here at the Preschool, beginning on September 9.

Please note that there is no school on Friday, September 30. This is a professional development day for our staff.

We hope to see you at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00!

### **What is a "Developmental" Preschool?**

You have heard us mention that OLGC is a developmental preschool. What exactly does that mean? It means that our teaching approach is grounded in the research on how young children develop and learn, and in what is known to be optimal and effective in early education. According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), developmentally appropriate practice "involves teachers meeting young children where they are (by stage or development), both as individuals and as part of a group; and helping each child meet challenging and achievable learning goals." Each month we will highlight a different center in our classrooms and explain what the children are learning when they "play" in that center.