

## Special Education & Preschool Director's Board Report, February 2024



1. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Ready! For Kindergarten night was a HUGE success! The families of 11 of our 15 students going to kindergarten next year attended the event. Of the remaining 4 students, 2 were sick and 2 were out of town. Dinner was provided to students and their families, then the adults went to the auditorium while the students and siblings went to the classroom for some fun.



2. This month's Cub School was on Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is for children birth-3 and allows them to come explore and have fun in our preschool classroom. We have 2 more Cub School dates this school year, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>.



3. Preschool will be visiting the Newport Aquarium on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. The morning and afternoon classes will be going together. Aunt Kathy's students will be attending as well.



- I am working closely with Vicki Dansberry from NKCES to apply for the new Preschool Partnership Grant. The application is due March 22. Awards will be announced in April.



- I am Preparing for the March 1 Child Count for Preschool.

#### How are Preschool Students Funded?

- The revised Kentucky Statute (KRS 157.3175), determines district preschool program funding based on the average number of preschool children served on December 1 and March 1 of the prior academic year.
  - The sum of the December 1 and March 1 average is multiplied by per-child rates. The per-child rates are approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.
  - The funding enrollment numbers are pulled from the Infinite Campus report Preschool Enrollment Count.
  - Therefore, it is essential that districts make sure that all eligible preschool children are accurately on or before each of the determining dates.
- I am working on completing our Civil Rights Report.
  - I will soon start working on a proposal regarding our Special Education staffing needs for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - Early Kindergarten and Preschool registration will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 5:30pm. We have 15 Preschool students who will be moving on to Kindergarten next year.

