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Dear Families:

The Somerville Public Schools screens all incoming Preschool students who enter our public preschool programs. Our participation in the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative grant enables Somerville Public Schools to extend this important activity to our program for children who live in Somerville. Screenings will be conducted by experienced early childhood educators using the Early Screening Inventory (ESI), the same tool Somerville Public Schools uses.

The purpose of the screening is to review a child's development and help everyone ensure that children have a successful school experience and that teachers can be responsive to children's needs. In some cases, the screening helps teachers and families identify areas where a child may need further screening and support.

The screening is short, involves simple games, fine motor, and early math concepts. Most children quite enjoy the experience. We will help you prepare your children for the screening and introduce the screener to the children prior to beginning any work with children. Screenings will be held at your school during the school day.

Sincerely,

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