



## *Hillsborough Township Public Schools*

### *Children at Play...Learning (CAP) Program*

#### ***About the Children at Play Program...***

Hillsborough Township Public School District Hillsborough Township Public School District has developed the Children at Play... (CAP) Program, a thematic play-based kindergarten extension program. Since its inception in 2011, the program has aimed to allow teachers the time to focus on teachable moments and augment individual problem solving situations in a relaxed and child-sensitive manner. The CAP program takes advantage of children's natural love of learning as well as their ability to get along with others in a developmentally appropriate and stress-free environment. As children explore, experiment, and interact through play, they learn how the world works.

Play is the fundamental element of the CAP program. Opportunities for intentional social expansion through interaction, imagination, oral language development, extended creative outlets, self-discovery, and exploration are the primary components of the CAP classroom.

Our team of kindergarten teachers has developed thematic units (independent from the academic kindergarten curriculum) that are the foundation of the CAP program.

The teacher's role will be to facilitate and guide students by leading and funneling their individual and group play experiences through active participation in the process while creating and sustaining a caring and nurturing environment.

CAP was created to provide kindergarten families with an opportunity for their children to remain in the Hillsborough Township Public Schools for a full school day with a highly-qualified, certificated teachers.

The CAP program will cover half of the school day at your child's assigned school. The program will be supervised by the building principal. The program follows the school district's standard operating procedures including district calendar, arrival and dismissal times, and policies. Tuition for the CAP program for the 2020-2021 school year is \$645/month.

#### ***Lottery Registration...***

All interested families may complete a lottery form in order to enter their child(ren) in a registration lottery for the CAP program. The form may be handed in at registration, completed on the district website, ([www.htps.us/cap](http://www.htps.us/cap)), or mailed to the Board of Education office at:

Hillsborough Township Board of Education  
379 S. Branch Rd.  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
Attn: K. Shaughnessy  
Or via email at: [kshaughnessy@htps.us](mailto:kshaughnessy@htps.us)

Following the CAP lottery on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, a deposit of \$645 and a signed contract will be required to reserve a spot in the CAP program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Students whose names are not chosen during the lottery will be placed on a waiting list in the order their names are pulled during the lottery. Any student added to the waiting list after the lottery will be added in the order they contact the Board of Education.

#### ***Highlights of the CAP Program...***

- Play-centered program designed and led by a highly-qualified, certificated district teacher
- District-supplied transportation if applicable
- Eliminates mid-day commute and confusing schedules
- Socializing opportunities with students from the kindergarten program
- Student-centered classroom environment
- Time to focus on teachable moments and augment individual problem-solving situations

For questions regarding the CAP program, please visit [www.htps.us/CAP](http://www.htps.us/CAP) or contact Kate Shaughnessy at (908) 431-6600 x 2002 or via email at [kshaughnessy@htps.us](mailto:kshaughnessy@htps.us).

***Childhood should be a journey, not a race!***

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## Request for Children at Play (CAP) Program

*Please print all information clearly.*

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number:  
(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School Your Child Will Attend (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form during your kindergarten registration or mail it to:*  
*Hillsborough Board of Education*  
*379 S. Branch Rd.*  
*Hillsborough, NJ 08844*  
*Attn: K. Shaughnessy*  
or via email at: [kshaughnessy@https.us](mailto:kshaughnessy@https.us)

***All lottery forms must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020.***

***This form does not guarantee a space for your child in the CAP program. It only guarantees entry into the CAP lottery which will be held on April 15, 2020..***