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Dear SPUSD Preschool Families:

We hope that you and your child are enjoying our new preschool program. There are three key elements that provide for a seamless pathway between the SPUSD preschool and kindergarten programs:

1. *Curriculum and Instruction:*
What students learn and how they are taught in preschool carries over into kindergarten. Each school is a sub-culture of the larger SPUSD culture. While the same curricular standards exist at our elementary schools, each school's student body experiences some unique things, which build from one year to the next.
2. *Relationships between Preschoolers and Elementary School Staff:*
We intentionally connect the people and experiences at each elementary school to create lasting bonds between the kids and adults. After a year of preschool, the students will feel connected to the elementary school's principal, staff, and campus.
3. *Relationships among Preschoolers' Families:*
Over the course of a year, preschoolers and their families interact on a variety of levels, thus creating lasting relationships that support the SPUSD culture, in general, and the school site's culture, in particular.

To help ensure that the seamless pathway remains seamless, preschool families, who reside in South Pasadena, may choose to automatically enroll in their home school for kindergarten. **Our preschool families, who reside in South Pasadena, will not have to participate in the enrollment lottery**, as participation in the lottery jeopardizes the key elements outlined above. We believe that this change will support you and your child's transition to your home school's kindergarten program.

When it is time to register for kindergarten this spring, South Pasadena residents, who complete the SPUSD Preschool Education Program, will be able to register during the days reserved for "Sibling Registration." If you have any questions, please contact Katy Nielsen, Preschool Director, at (626) 441-5810, x1124 or at knielsen@fc.spusd.net.

Sincerely,

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