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**Kindergarten Prep Class Helps Young Learners Achieve**

A year of virtual learning and limited social interaction can have a long-lasting impact on a child's development.

Cranberry Township's new Kindergarten Prep class, part of the Cranberry Early Learning Center, aims to close the gap to ensure young students are ready to take the next educational step.

The program is designed for children who missed the Kindergarten cutoff date or those in need of one more year of preschool to refine skills to set them up for success in Kindergarten. It will use a hands-on learning approach in both large and small group differentiated, theme-based centers.

The program will focus on math, literacy, STEM, social, emotional, dramatic play and sensory activities on a weekly basis. The environment is designed to cultivate a well-rounded learner prepared to confidently start Kindergarten.

Open to children aged 4 ½ to 6, students in this class should have already completed at least one year of preschool or pre-k. Children must be turning 5 by March 1, 2022.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon September-May in the Bear Run Room at the Municipal Center, with limited capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions. All CDC safety guidelines will be followed, and increased sanitation protocols are in place.

Registration is now open, and a waitlist will be used if capacity is reached. For more information, visit [cranberrytownship.org/preschool](http://cranberrytownship.org/preschool) or call the Parks & Recreation Customer Service Department at 724-779-4FUN (4386).