

School Placement of Our Graduates

Among the most important responsibilities of our preschool are preparation for kindergarten and placement of our graduates in ongoing schools. We are very proud of the children's success in being accepted at selective schools.

Their success is due to several factors, of which nature, expressed in the genetics code is, of course, the most important. As far as the VPC's contribution is concerned, our staff focuses on sending forth exceptionally well-prepared children. Directors of the ongoing schools and delighted kindergarten teachers frequently phone us to tell us how pleased they are with our children. They see that our VPC grads are very advanced socially and cognitively. Next, our Kindergarten/Preschool Information Night for graduates prepares parents for the rigors of the school placement process. We discuss school options, private, public, parochial, and gifted programs. We invite speakers to represent various schools, in order to familiarize parents with a broad spectrum of the fine schools that are out there. We also discuss the importance of the interview process for both the child and the parents. All of this is designed to enable parents go about the application process in a more realistic, efficient, and informed manner.

Almost all private schools now require the ERB test as part of the application process. To make testing as stress-free as possible for children and parents, we offer the ERBs in the familiar, friendly setting of the VPC. The children not only feel at home in the testing site, but also with the tester, or "the game lady," as we call her.

Jeff, who knows and works with all the children, writes the recommendation letters, in which he, in consultation with classroom teachers, reveals the shining star within each applicant. Among the schools who accept our graduates are: Hunter, St. Ann's, Grace Church School, St. Luke's, Village Community School, Little Red, British International School, City and Country, UNIS, Corlears, Le Lycee francais, Friends Seminary, Claremont,

Calhoun, Allen Stevenson, Ethical Culture, Dalton, and the Special Music School of America. Parents who prefer the public school route for their children have chosen PS 41, PS 3, PS 234, PS 116, and PS 150, some of the best public schools in New York City. Others have chosen excellent option schools such as Midtown West. Soon the results of the Gifted and Talented program results will be in. We are optimistic that, as usual, several of our children will be accepted to those programs this year. In the recent past, for example, NEST, which has very rigorous standards, accepted six of our children in one year.