

# Report Card Narratives

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## Barclay Early Childhood Center

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

At the Barclay Early Childhood Center, we pride ourselves on providing a high caliber, developmentally appropriate curriculum and program tailored to meet the needs of all of the children we serve. Following are some of the initiatives we have implemented to support these efforts:

1. Barclay Early Childhood Center uses The Creative Curriculum, a highly recognized program that is endorsed by the NJ Department of Education.
2. Assistive Technology is used to support student learning. Every classroom, for instance, is outfitted with an iPad and touch screen computer so that teachers can select the types of programs and applications that can best benefit their students' unique developmental needs.
3. Professional Learning Communities were launched several years ago. Groups meet each morning to discuss best practices in meeting preschool expectations for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Technology. Teachers have also completed a cumulative 16 day professional development series that focused on how to modify lessons to meet the needs of English Language Learners and Special Education students.
4. All students are provided with the advantage of programmatic Integrated Speech and Occupational Therapy. In order to support this therapeutic model, teachers and therapists have collaborative planning time each week, which is used for lesson planning, sharing therapeutic goals, and recommending strategies that can be implemented within the classroom as a Tier 1 intervention
5. The Barclay Early Childhood Center has a Preschool Intervention and Referral Team (PIRT) for typically developing students to provide a systematic approach to problem solving and implementing best practices for children struggling with the academic, social, or behavioral demands of preschool. The team meets monthly, establishing goals for struggling students and measuring the success of targeted interventions.
6. In addition to the educational resources available within the classroom setting, Pre-K students gain exposure to Music, Library, and PE during their scheduled visits with Special Area Teachers.
7. The Barclay Parent Teacher Association is a vibrant and engaged organization where parents, teachers and therapists collaborate in an effort to provide support to our learning community. Our PTA schedules enriching assemblies, plans family activities, and holds fun fund-raising events. PTA proceeds benefit the students right here at Barclay Early Childhood Center.

We are excited about the collaborative practices that contribute to the development of our students. Thank you for your interest in our school.

Sincerely,

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