



## Summer Session Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Information

By constitutional amendment, the State of Florida provides free pre-kindergarten education for all four-year-old children. The program provides 540 hours of free education, normally delivered as 3 hours a day for 180 days (in parallel with the county school year). There is also a summer option for children who did not attend school year VPK, and who will start Kindergarten in the fall of 2009. Village Academy *North* is currently accepting registrations for the 2009 Summer Session for VPK.

The Summer Session is 300 hours long, delivered from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Class begins on June 15<sup>th</sup> and ends August 19<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for this class, as it is funded by the state. Wrap-around care is available for an additional charge.

Key facts:

- Your child must be five years of age by September 1, 2009 and reside in Florida
- Your child must not have attended school year VPK
- Your provider may NOT charge a registration fee or a materials fee
- Your provider may NOT require you to agree to any additional services
- Class sizes are limited to 12 children with one teacher

How we are different:

- We use the same curriculum provider used by the St Johns County School system for their Kindergarten programs: Houghton Mifflin
- We are the only private school that offered Summer VPK in St Johns County in 2007. For the last two years, we have been contracted by St Johns County Public Schools as their agent for the delivery of Summer VPK

You can enroll your child in the VPK program at Village Academy *North* at any time on a first-come, first-served basis. By the first day of class you must receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of St Johns and Putnam counties. Also, by the first day of class, we must have the Certificate of Eligibility, a physical examination form, and a "Blue Form 680" immunization record.

For more information about obtaining the Certificate of Eligibility, please contact the Early Learning Coalition at 904.726.1500.

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO  
KINDERGARTEN WITHOUT VPK!!!**