



### Rumson School District Hosts Its 3rd Annual Preschool Performance



Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Caulfield's PreK Class

Rumson, NJ – The Rumson School District's preschool was proud to put on their 3rd annual Preschool Performance on March 13, 2019. All three preschool classes came together to put on a show for their families. The student's had the opportunity to be up on stage singing songs, performing finger plays and dancing for their families.

After the show, each student became a waiter and they were able to serve dinner to their families. Following the Tools of the Mind curriculum, the theme inside the classroom is a Restaurant Theme. Each day at school, the students pretend to take on different roles and through pretend play, use their imagination to transform the class centers into different restaurants. At their show, they were able to pretend that the school cafeteria was a pizzeria and they were able to serve pizza to their families.

In attendance were approximately 75 adults and 60 children, totaling 135 participants at this event. The students cooperatively worked hard and put on a fantastic show. They performed songs such as Baby Shark and Going on a Bear Hunt. The benefits that they students gain from being on stage and performing are social, emotional as well as physical. Being on stage allows the students to build on their self-confidence. Performing in front of an audience has been shown to boost a child's self-esteem.

There was a wonderful sense of community as the show ended and the cafeteria was filled by the many proud families, teachers and administrators that came to watch the show. Rumson's youngest bulldogs shined as they were able to show off how much their potential is being ignited. Michael Snyder, District Supervisor of Special Services, commented, "Family involvement is an important aspect of our program as we know the whole community has an essential role to play in the growth and development of our youngsters." Mr. Snyder further commented that "research and fieldwork prove that parent-school-partnerships improve schools, strengthen families, build community support, and increase student achievement and success."