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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited that you and your child are a part of one of our early childhood programs. Your child's teaching team will support them with joyful and interactive learning experiences to give them the foundation needed for a lifetime of learning. This support includes keeping track of your child's progress on many social, academic, and language skills throughout the year.

In the beginning of the year, programs do this by screening children for possible developmental and instructional needs. This screening will help the teaching team learn more about your child's development. It is not a test of IQ or related to admission into any program. The teaching team will share the outcome of this screening with you.

Most children will be screened, including all children in Early Head Start and Head Start. Your child may not be screened if he or she currently receives Early Intervention (EI) services or preschool special education services. Your child may not be screened if the screening is not available in your child's home language, or if the screening tool is not available to use virtually. In these cases, your child's teacher will use data from observing and documenting what your child does, and from conversations with you regarding your child's development, to learn about their developmental and instructional needs. They will speak with you about your child's progress throughout the year.

We are also asking you to complete and return the Parent Questionnaire that will be given to you by your child's teacher. This is important because you know your child best and we would like to include your knowledge of your child in the screening process.

In addition to the Parent Questionnaire, you may also be asked to complete the Emergent Multilingual Learner Language Profile (EMLLPP) survey. The information from this survey will help your child's teacher to plan for instruction that will strengthen your child's language and literacy development in English as well as your home language.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or our office at earlychildhood@schools.nyc.gov. For more information on Early Childhood resources please visit our website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/learning/grade-by-grade/early-childhood-learning>

Sincerely,

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