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Dear parents of preschoolers and incoming kindergarten students,

The New Hampshire Department of Education has partnered with Waterford Upstart to offer a free, at-home early learning program to children entering kindergarten in the fall. Students who qualify with following birth dates can participate in the free program. Students' birth dates must fall between August 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. Students who complete the program will enhance their readiness for kindergarten this fall, with many of them reading at a nearly first-grade level.

Waterford Upstart is an at-home, PreK learning program that provides positive, parent-child interactions while delivering personalized, online instruction. During the summer program, children will engage with the curriculum for 20 minutes a day, five days a week.  “Preschool is the ideal platform for children to build a strong academic foundation and enhance language and literacy – skills that are critical for school readiness.

New Hampshire families with a child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023 or the fall of 2024 may call 1-888-982-9898 for more information, or visit [WaterfordUpstart.org](https://www.waterford.org/upstart/). The registration link for the fall program is available here: [Waterford Upstart Pre-Qualify](https://www.waterford.org/newhampshire-fall/).

Sincerely,

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