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**Blue Valley early childhood classes enrolling for 2010-11**

Blue Valley's Peer Model preschool program is now enrolling for the 2010-11 school year. The Peer Model Program provides an opportunity for typically developing children to be integrated into Early Childhood Special Education classrooms to serve as role models for children with special needs. Children who turn three by August 31, 2010 are eligible for the program for the 2010-11 school year.

In addition, there are still spots open for the semester beginning January 2010. Children must have turned three by August 31, 2009 to attend during the 2009-10 school year. For more information about the Peer Modeling program and other Early Childhood programs, go to [www.bluevalleyk12.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/earlychildhood) or call (913) 239-4720.

Peer model students provide positive peer interactions, engage in play skills, and model appropriate language and behavior for children with special needs while in the classroom setting. To be a peer model, a student must demonstrate age-appropriate skills in the areas of play, social, behavior, speech, language and motor. Additionally, all peer models must be toilet trained and speak English fluently.

"Kids learn best from other kids and research is clear that when children are integrated in this type of program, it has a positive impact on students with special needs as well as students who are typically developing," said Kendall Burr, Blue Valley's special education coordinator for early childhood.