



## **L&M Educational Consultants Expands Business in Vernon**

Linda Massucci, president of L&M Educational Consultants, writes monthly educational articles for the Putnam Villager

L&M Educational Consultants is currently enrolling students for the 2007-2008 preschool and kindergarten enrichment program. In addition to providing these new programs, L&M will continue to provide consultations, home-schooling support, private assessments, child/school observations and workshops for PTO meetings, library events and family service programs.

“Our commitment is still to continue educating parents with children at the early child and elementary years. L&M has helped many parents understand the early childhood state curriculum and elementary services that are state mandated since we opened our doors in January 2006. We are unparalleled to other ‘educational chains’ that charge for services which are provided in the public school. We’ve had so many parents call and ask for tutoring for their child. After reviewing their child’s academic record and comparing our assessments with the schools, we help the parents understand how additional support should be provided to their child for free in the school system. If a child needs a special program geared to their learning style, that’s the schools responsibility, not the parents or an ‘outside’ business.”

L&M will continue to offer guidance and extra support to parents who are home-schooling their children. Workshops at libraries and PTO events to inform parents of the early childhood years, encouraging children to read, and preparing parents for parent-teacher conferences and PPT’s will also continue, and hopefully expand to more towns. “L&M has received so many new clients from referrals. It’s amazing how quickly the business has grown. Parents really want to be informed of all these new requirements since the No Child Left Behind Act was established. They want to make sure their child is ready for kindergarten and their early childhood program is of high quality. The towns in this area are growing and many elementary school children need to receive extra support. Sometimes receiving that extra support means the parents have to become more involved and educated on school politics. That’s where we come in.”

The preschool program will focus on academics and follow the CT Preschool Frameworks. “Our a.m. and p.m. preschool sessions will meet twice a week for one hour. Parents are required to stay at the sight and are welcomed to observe and ask questions. We are a learning center for parents and children. Our kindergarten enrichment program also meets twice a week for one-hour sessions in the a.m. or p.m. L&M’s focus will always be meeting each child’s individual needs, while informing parents of the state’s expectations. In addition, once parents enroll their child in our preschool or kindergarten enrichment program, they become part of the L&M family. That means, any consultations or private assessments during the elementary years are free. We want our ‘graduates’ to have the most positive experience in the public school system and receive any services they may need to become a life-long learner.”

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