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## **Preschool Graduation Showcases Art, Music, Family**

*Artwork, music, fun, and more are on hand as our preschoolers make their way to graduation.*

**[West Hartford, CT, June 13, 2019—]** The Children's Museum Preschool will have a Summer Celebration, sharing with our parents some of the things we have been learning this year. Thursday, June 20, 2019, starting at 4PM, the graduation will commence in the Gengras Planetarium. We will have songs, a Preschool Art Gallery, and Museum Time so families can participate in some of their children's favorite museum activities and meet their Wildlife Sanctuary animal friends. Twelve of our Pre-K students will be off to Kindergarten in the Fall. We wish them well on their Kindergarten Journey. We are also celebrating the transition of our Pre-K 3's into the Pre-K 4 classrooms.

The children at our preschool explore and participate in a variety of activities which are designed to awaken their curiosity and facilitate discovery of the world around them. Our teachers offer programs filled with child-centered activities that foster curiosity and a strong desire to learn. Our focus is on each child's needs and stage of development as we incorporate hands-on fun that stimulates creativity, the ability to express oneself, scientific understanding, as well as mathematics and literacy skills for each child. While learning academic skills is important, preschool children are also developing social skills that will last a lifetime.

The Children's Museum has been a West Hartford institution since its founding in 1927. Helping young children discover their lifelong love of learning, The Children's Museum is made up of a many diverse educational assets. The Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium opened in 1968. Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, established in 1948, which became part of The Children's Museum in 1973. The Wildlife Sanctuary, opened in 1981. Sophisticated in-school and on-site educational programs aligned with Connecticut's curricular standards. The museum itself with hands-on, minds-open, child-centered interactive activities. These together give The Children's Museum authority as a trusted and creative community resource for teaching and learning about science and nature.

*The Children's Museum is part of The Children's Museum Group, a registered 501 (c)(3). Their mission is to provoke life-long experiential learning and innovation among children, adults, and their communities. The museum is open Tuesday Through Saturday from 9 AM-4 PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM. Admission is \$14.75 for adults, \$13.75 for children 2-12 and seniors 63 and over, and free to children under 2. Memberships are available. For more information, please visit [www.thechildrensmuseumct.org](http://www.thechildrensmuseumct.org).*

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