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Special VPK program helps child move to regular classroom

A grateful mother wrote to the executive director of an early learning coalition. Her 4-year-old daughter had been struggling to keep up in an exceptional student education prekindergarten class. The mother sought advice from the local school district and physicians. Then the preschool gave her a flyer about a unique VPK program for children with special needs that provides specialized services outside the traditional classroom. After getting the help she needed for her daughter, the mom was thrilled to learn that her child would move from an ESE classroom into a regular pre-K class. Wrote the pleased mom, "Our daughter has gotten the help she needed to start kindergarten without missing a beat."



VPK Specialized Instructional Services

The special program that helped this mother get her child the extra help she needed to move into a regular VPK classroom is relatively new. You can read more about it in this [fact sheet](#).

Can you play your way to being a math whiz at the ripe young age of 4? Some VPK students in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood are part of a study being conducted by the FIU College of Education that is proving playing games may be just the ticket. Read more about it in [FIU Magazine](#).

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