

GOWNS ARE SHORTER, BUT IT'S STILL GRADUATION

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The tones of "Pomp and Circumstance" hung in the air and the parade of graduates had that studious look about it. Never mind that their educational journey was just beginning. For these mostly 5-year-olds, it was graduation day just the same.

Macedonia Goddard Pre-school hosted its second annual graduation ceremony last Thursday at Ledgewood Elementary School, sending a class of 21 on to the world of kindergarten. "They had their caps, tassels and gowns," said Chris Lindley, owner of the Macedonia Goddard School. "They said the Pledge of Allegiance and did it in sign language as well. They received

diplomas. They turned the tassels. It was a short program with light refreshments afterwards. It's a lot of fun."

Goddard is a pre-school offering extended care Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lindley said, "We offer pre-school and childcare services from six weeks to six years old. It's an enhanced program incorporating literary and social skills, music and movement and cognitive skills. Probably 85 percent of our families come from Macedonia, Northfield or Sagamore Hills. The other 15 percent come from Bedford, Twinsburg, Hudson or families working in the area."

Lindley said students in the pre-kindergarten program learn letter and number recognition, sequencing the letters together to form small words and learning sight words. They learn to sit quietly, enhance their listening skills and learn to share.

"We also incorporate special programs such as Spanish, Yoga and sign language. We try to create a well-rounded child," said Lindley.

This summer the school will host a summer camp, "Amazing Animals." There will be puppet shows and the ice cream truck comes to visit a few times and the students go on field trips.



For more information on the school visit the Web site at www.goddardschools.com.