



Left: A playground is seen outside the new Newmeadow School in Halfmoon. **Right:** The school on Sitterly Road opened on Sept. 6.

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Preschool for special needs children relocates to Halfmoon

HALFMOON— A preschool that specializes in helping children with special needs has moved into town.

The Newmeadow school, which focuses on children aged 2 to 5 affected by autism and with other special needs, was founded in 1982 in Glenville. At its

start 35 years ago, Newmeadow only had one class, with 13 students.

Newmeadow moved to Malta in 1998. On Sept. 5 the school relocated to Halfmoon. The new building at 23 Sitterly Road has 10 classrooms within its 20,000

square feet, and features a large occupational/physical therapy Motor Room, an indoor gym and a new playground.

The Newmeadow School contains a specialized program called Bridges ABA, which uses applied

behavior analysis to educate children with autism.

According to Newmeadow, about 50 percent of the school's special needs population has some form of autism. The Bridges ABA method is considered to be the leading program

used in schools to confront autism. It uses data driven software that is goal-oriented and simple for children to use. "A second Newmeadow facility that operated in Queensbury also moved in time for the new school year, to Fort Edward.