Selective preschools

Can someone please tell Anika Jackson — and other parents who complain about competitive private preschool admissions — that the problem is the self-absorbed, yuppie parents, not the schools. The types of schools "Rejected by Ivy League kindergarten" (Oct. 9) discusses are simply feeding a demand from those who will happily shell out \$20,000 or more so their little geniuses can get every perceived advantage. When Jackson writes that "preschool shouldn't determine a child's success in life," the irony is inescapable. Preschool, of course, does not determine success in life, yet by participating in such a myth, Jackson — and other parents — actually fuel the problem they are complaining about.

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