

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Guide

All children develop at different rates. Outcomes are based on each child's individual ability. We do not compare children nor do we expect perfection.

We are:

- 1. Developmentally appropriate 2 year theme based curriculum.**
- 2. We participate fully in all appropriate school functions.**
- 3. We work at play based centers.**
- 4. Emphasis is on communication skills, socially appropriate behavior and good manners.**
- 5. We provide a wide variety of experiences that allow discovery to be the springboard of learning.**
- 6. We provide many literature based activities.**

Personal and Social Development

Children are encouraged to:

- Display self-direction in their actions**
- Follow classroom routines and rules**
- Treat classroom materials with respect**
- Choose between new and familiar activities**
- Show curiosity**
- Interact cooperatively with one or more children**
- Interact easily with familiar adults**
- Participate in class activities**
- Display empathy and caring for others**
- Use appropriate words to solve conflicts**
- Seek adult assistance (when needed) to resolve conflicts**

Language and Literacy

Children are encouraged to:

- Listen with understanding**
- Follow 2-3 step directions**
- Speak clearly enough to be understood or to communicate with understanding**
- Listen with interest to stories**
- Predict outcomes**
- Retell stories in own words**
- Recognize the connection between the written and spoken word**
- Attempt to write words or ideas**
- Copy own name**

Mathematical Thinking

Children are encouraged to:

- **Show interest in numbers and counting**
- **Recognize and duplicate simple patterns (circle, square,etc.)**
- **Sort objects according to one or more attributes**
- **Identify and label shapes**
- **Show understanding of and use of positional words(above, under, etc.)**
- **Show understanding of and use of comparative words(big, bigger, biggest)**
- **Participate in measuring**
- **Begin to develop a sense of time**

Scientific Thinking

Children will be encouraged to:

- **Use senses to explore the environment**
- **Use investigative tools**
- **Ask questions**
- **Seek answer to questions through exploration**
- **Express a curiosity about the natural world**

Social Studies

Children will be encouraged to:

- **Understand why we say the pledge**
- **Recognize similarities and differences**
- **Describe various occupations**
- **Begin to be aware of technology and how it fits into our lives**
- **Begin to appreciate the need for rules**
- **Recognize the reason for leadership**

The Arts

The children will be encouraged to:

- **Use a variety of media for exploration(paint, clay, glue, etc.)**
- **Participate in group music**
- **Participate in group movement**
- **Show interest in the work of others**

Physical Development

Gross Motor:

- **Move with adequate control and balance**
- **Coordinate movement to perform tasks**

Fine Motor:

- Use strength and control when performing fine motor tasks
- Use eye-hand coordination to perform activities
- Show beginning control of writing and drawing tasks

Personal Health and Safety

- Independently perform self-care tasks
- Follow basic health and safety rules

We offer 3 major field trips a year: apple picking, Multi-cultural restaurant, and the Science Center. There are other smaller field trips that coordinate with our monthly themes.

To encourage a home-school-community connection we send home monthly articulation calendars with daily language activities.

We also encourage weekly writing exercises with “Letter of the Week” practice sheets.

As always, our monthly calendar and weekly newsletter will keep you up to date on all the goings and comings of the Pre-K classroom!