

Preschool Program

Our program is developmental. Our purpose is to take each child at their present level and provide them with a variety of experiences to further their social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth and development. Each child's readiness and developmental level will differ from others. Attending the preschool program can promise a more solid foundation on which to build in later grades.



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Early Literacy

During the preschool year students will have the opportunity to:

- *show an interest and enjoyment in listening to books and attempts to read familiar books.
- *display book handling knowledge.
- *show an awareness of environmental print.
- *identify some alphabet letters by their shapes, especially those in his/her own name.
- *recognize the printed form of his/her name in a variety of contexts.
- *demonstrate comprehension of a book.
- *demonstrate awareness that language is made up of words, parts of words, and sounds in words.

Early Writing

During the preschool year students will have the opportunity to:

- * attempt to communicate with others using scribbles, shapes, pictures, and/or letters to write.
- *experiment with a variety of writing tools (pencils, crayons, brushes, chalk) and materials.
- *tell others about intended meaning of drawings and writing.

Math

During the preschool year students will have the opportunity to:

- *show recognition and naming of numerals (1, 2, 3).
- *count objects, matching numbers one- to- one with objects.
- *use language such as *more* or *less* to compare quantities.
- *introduce mathematic vocabulary
- *show skills in recognizing and creating some patterns.
- * predict what comes next in a pattern.
- *demonstrate understanding of spatial words such as up, down, over, under, top, bottom, inside, outside, in front, and behind.
- *notice similarities and differences among shapes.
- *recognize and understands shapes.
- *notice how shapes fit together to form other shapes.

Science

During the preschool year students will have the opportunity to:

- * show curiosity about living and non- living things.
- * notice, describe, and predict changes in the environment.
- * show respect for living things.
- * use his/her senses and variety of strategies to solve problems.
- * invent strategies to figure out answers to problems.
- *when unsuccessful at solving problems, experiments and adapts strategies.
- * sort, classify, and put objects in series, using a variety of properties.
- *make comparisons among several objects using words such as shorter, taller, bigger, smaller, heavier, lighter.

