

Dear Pre-K Parents,

Your child will be in our Pre-kindergarten program! We have been working hard preparing for this year's learning activities and hands on curriculum. We are looking forward to working with your child and getting them ready for kindergarten. The curriculum will consist of activities that will prepare your child for the following year. Here are the skills your child will be working on throughout the year.

Social Skills:

- Develop self-control by sitting for short periods of time (circle time) listening quietly to a book
- Working on following directions
- Becoming more skilled at cooperating with others
- Discussing families, holidays and other things about their world.

Reading and Writing:

- Review letters of the alphabet and corresponding sounds
- Learn opposites
- Learn uppercase and lowercase letters
- Learn sight words "the", "and", "is". (This we will be working on more towards the end of the year)
- Drawing a picture and explaining what is happening in the picture.
- Learn stories, songs, finger plays
- Talk about a stories after reading them (predict what will happen next, talk about how the characters might be thinking or feeling; re-tell what happened in the stories).

Math:

- Counting items
- Identify basic shapes such as circle, square, triangle, etc.
- Recognizing numbers from 0 - 20
- Create patterns, sort into groups by color, and size

Science:

- Explore the world through observations and experimentation.
- Discover what animals and plants need to live and grow.
- Learn about the parts of the body and the senses.
- Learn about changes in the seasons and weather.
- Become familiar with elements that make our planet (earth, sand, rocks, water)

Developing Small Motor Skills By:

- Following a line and cutting
- Tracing lines, writing their names, writing numbers, and drawing
- Working with puzzles, play dough, building blocks
- Using utensils effectively
- Working on beading

Developing large motor skills by:

- Balancing, jumping, galloping
- Hanging, climbing (outdoor equipment)
- Throwing , catching, kicking

We will be working on these skills with your children throughout the year. We hope that your children feels more confident and less overwhelmed walking into kindergarten next September.