

Dear Preschool Parents,

We like to welcome your child to our Preschool. Our Preschool classroom is organized around interest areas that consist of literacy, dramatic play, manipulative, and blocks. These defined areas allow children to play and explore materials with the guidance of the teachers either individually or in small groups. Skills that lead to reading, writing and math are not confined to specific centers, but rather reinforced in different ways throughout the centers via communication, exploration and play. Listed below are the skills that the children will be working on through the school year.

Social skills:

- Becoming more skilled at cooperating with others
- Learn to ask for help when needed
- Working on taking turns in conversations
- Working on using our words when upset
- Learning to be independent and trying new things on their own

Reading & writing:

- Learn the alphabet and letter sounds
- Learn numbers
- Learn Colors
- Writing their names and letters
- Learn songs and finger plays

Math:

- Recognize numbers
- Counting objects
- Learn Shapes
- Understanding higher and lower
- Learn Patterns

Science:

- Explore the world through observation and experimentation
- Learn about the parts of the body and senses.
- Learn about seasons and weather
- Discover what animals and plants need to live and grow

Small motor skills:

- Introduced to how to hold scissors correctly
- Learn how to hold pencil correctly
- Work with puzzles, play dough and building blocks
- Using utensils effectively

Large motor skills:

- Work on throwing, catching, kicking
- Work on hanging and climbing (outdoor equipment)
- Work on jumping and balancing (on one foot)

We will be working on these skills with your children throughout the year. We want Preschool to be a fun and exciting time for your children.