



BeeCurious Curriculum Framework Touch Points for Tours

Pillars of the Framework

1. *Holistic Curriculum:*

- Inquiry Process: Educators are trained on fostering ideal learning outcomes by actively guiding children to make connections with new learning opportunities. Educators engage children in meaningful conversations and intentional interactions to steer learning and skill development in new directions, while simultaneously providing children with new tools, new playscapes, and new ways to explore their environment.
- Standardized Components: Children are provided with programmed activities that are well researched and vetted to guide children in meeting ideal developmental outcomes. These components showcase current research topics in Early Childhood Education including Environmental Stewardship, Global Citizenship, STEM, and Essential Skills all geared to shape our youngest learners into the next changemakers, thriving in a culturally diverse and interdependent world.
- Play Based Learning: Children are encouraged to explore their learning environments and activities in ways that are meaningful to them, choosing those activities they deem most engaging. Educators are trained to set up inspiring learning environments, rich with exciting invitations to play, weekly changes to keep them fresh and excited, complete with well stocked, diverse learning areas.

2. *Inspiring Learning Environments*

- Our learning environments showcase important learning areas such as Science and Nature, Sensorial Play, Dramatic Play, Blocks and Building, and Creative Expression.
- Essential learning materials are threaded throughout the learning environments to consistently reinforce learning, including Math and Manipulatives, Language and Literacy, Music and Movement, and Ethnic and Cultural materials.
- Our materials are open-ended and natural in design, inspiring children to engage with them in multiple, unique ways, driving critical thinking and developing an appreciation for the environment.

3. *Intentional Teaching Practices*

- Educators are well trained on the scope and sequence of developmental skills and milestones, and guide children accordingly to meet and exceed these skills.
- Educators are mindful on achieving these goals, and act with intention to set up curiosity evoking activities and play environments to stimulate exploration.

General Layout of BeeCurious Curriculum Framework

- The curriculum year is organized around ten Study Topics and applies to both Toddler and Preschool aged children.
- Study Topics are broad in scope, designed to accommodate the personalized learning directions that individual children can take, and include 'Sensory', 'Culinary', 'Animals' and 'Water' to name a few.
- Each Study Topic is four weeks long, launched by an introductory week populated with developmentally rich activities.
- The remaining three weeks feature both activities that are inquiry fueled, driven by the interests and skills of the children, and standardized, provided for educators.
- **Daily feature activities:**
 - Building Connections: designed to build social emotional skills and connections among peers
 - Creative Discovery: process driven creative experiences featuring joyful interactions with open ended materials and novel mediums
 - Physical Literacy: designed to build competence and confidence with active, gross motor movement skills
 - Language and Literacy: developmentally appropriate activities designed for preschoolers, building an awareness of sounds, phonemic understanding, sentence structure, and print context
 - Math Discovery: activities designed to build an understanding of math skills and concepts according to a scope and sequence of development
 - Expressive Language: a first exposure of literacy and numeracy that we offer to toddlers, showcasing playful interactions with words, role play, and story telling
- **Ongoing Activities integrated throughout the week:**
 - Environmental Stewardship: guiding children to become authentic caretakers of the Earth and its inhabitants
 - Global Citizenship: exposes children to different cultures, traditions, and values, guiding them to become global citizens, appreciating and celebrating the differences among us.
 - STEM: guiding children to become critical thinkers, experimenting in hands-on active problem solving with tangible materials
 - Essential Skills: encouraging the development of skills pertaining to self-help, self-care, independence, and caring for one's learning environment
 - Artist of the Month: a fun, supplementary activity designed to build exposure to historical artists throughout each month and experiment with some creative practices
 - Sign Language: sign language gestures are introduced weekly, bolstering language acquisition, and bridging communication with our younger learners
 - WeeMove: formal program designed to build fundamental movement skills related to locomotor movement, manipulative skills, and balancing
 - Yoga: formal program designed to develop core strength and belly breathing, building mindfulness and calming strategies