

Preschool Program

Program Overview

Our preschool program emphasizes fostering positive relationships between children and adults. This helps children feel valued as individuals while developing a strong sense of belonging within the community. Through these relationships, children learn to contribute responsibly and cooperate with their peers, laying the foundation for social success.

1. Nurturing Relationships and Emotional Support

- Educators build warm, responsive, and sensitive relationships with children, ensuring they feel secure and supported.
- Positive relationships create safe, stable environments where children can thrive socially, emotionally, and physically.
- Educators foster emotional regulation, helping children identify their feelings, resolve conflicts, and express their needs in an appropriate manner.

2. Curriculum and Learning Framework

- The program follows a curriculum that aligns with developmental milestones and Connecticut State Standards, focusing on social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive growth.
- A well-planned curriculum provides clear goals, engaging activities, and a balanced daily schedule, ensuring children have the opportunity to explore, learn, and develop.
- Activities are tailored to meet the diverse needs, interests, and learning styles of each child, with strategies and materials that enhance individual growth.

3. Inclusive Teaching Approaches

- We utilize developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching strategies to engage every child.
- The learning environment is designed to respect and reflect the diverse backgrounds, abilities, and experiences of all children.
- Educators collaborate closely with families to support each child's development in both the classroom and at home.

4. Family Engagement

- Families are an essential part of the learning process. Educators maintain open, respectful communication with parents, keeping them informed about their child's progress and encouraging family involvement.
- Educators listen to parents' insights about their child's life at home and use that information to tailor learning experiences.
- We believe in building relationships with families based on trust and respect, creating a partnership in fostering children's growth.

5. Social, Communication, and Cognitive Development

- Children engage in meaningful play and exploration, enhancing their social and cognitive development.
- Educators provide opportunities for children to practice communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills, fostering a love of learning.
- A variety of materials and activities spark children's curiosity, encourage experimentation, and develop important life skills like reasoning and cooperation.

6. Individualized Learning and Flexibility

- Each child's individual needs, strengths, and interests are at the heart of our teaching approach.
- Educators assess each child's progress and adjust learning activities to meet their evolving needs.
- The daily schedule is predictable yet flexible, adapting to the needs of the children while ensuring consistency and stability.

7. Encouraging Creativity and Literacy

- Writing materials and activities are available throughout the classroom, supporting literacy development in all areas, such as dramatic play, art, and science.
- Educators model writing and encourage children to express themselves through drawings, words, and stories.
- Children's artwork and writing are displayed throughout the classroom, providing opportunities for reflection and extending their learning.

8. Safe and Enriching Environment

- The classroom is designed to promote safety, health, and well-being, with materials that are engaging, challenging, and appropriate for the children's developmental levels.
- Educators organize space and resources to enhance the learning experience across all content areas—literacy, math, science, arts, and social studies.
- The learning environment evolves as children grow, providing new challenges that extend their understanding and skills.

9. Collaboration and Scaffolding

- Instruction is broken into meaningful steps, providing scaffolded learning opportunities that help children refine existing skills and acquire new ones.
- Educators customize learning experiences based on their knowledge of each child's developmental stage, strengths, and areas for growth.
- The program encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and curiosity, allowing children to explore and build upon their prior knowledge.

Summary:

In the preschool program, educators foster secure, nurturing relationships that support each child's growth in a safe, inclusive environment. The curriculum emphasizes social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive development, with a focus on individual needs and interests.

By partnering with families and using developmentally appropriate teaching strategies, we create a learning experience that encourages exploration, creativity, and skill development. Children are given the tools to grow as responsible, confident community members while engaging in meaningful and enriching activities.