

Pre-Kindergarten Learning Centers

Children work cooperatively in groups to reach developmental milestones and school readiness through exploring, experimenting and repetition.

Art Center:

Open Ended: A creative outlet for young children. This Center provides “open ended” art materials such as plain paper, crayons, chalk, markers, paint, and collage materials for children to create their one-of-a-kind art masterpieces.

Project Art: A directed art project having a fixed outcome. “Project art” will provide training in following step-by-step instructions while refining fine motor skills.

Reading Center:

This learning center provides a variety of books for children to read.

Literature Center:

Teacher reads a book while children actively listen. This will encourage story sequencing, letter and word recognition, and the connection between oral and written language.

Math Center:

Sorting, classification, number recognition, one-to-one relationships, counting, etc. are featured in this learning center.

Social Studies Center:

A learning center that provides opportunities for children to learn about themselves and others in the classroom setting. A study of likeness and differences among children around the world will be highlighted throughout the year.

Small Manipulatives Center:

A learning center that promotes fine motor skills. This area contains puzzles, stringing activities, lacing, building, patterning, cutting, etc. All of these materials promote reading and writing readiness by developing appropriate hand-eye coordination needed to write and read.

Science Center:

Provides discovery and exploration of nature and the world. This center contains picture books of animals, reptiles, mammals and natural forces such as the earth's atmosphere and different climates around the globe. Materials are also available for measuring and weighing. Individual exploration and experimentation is encouraged.

Engineering/ Construction Center:

This center contains blocks, and accessories such as animals, cars, wooden people and traffic signs. This area will reinforce spatial relationships as children measure, balance, build, carry, and create structures.

Home Life Lessons Center:

Provides materials for pouring, transferring, scrubbing, sweeping, etc. All of these motions relate to Left to Right direction and to Top and Bottom direction which are necessary for reading and writing.

Etiquette:

While not a specific center, manners are very important during this stage of growth and development. Each teacher will be modeling appropriate manners in the classroom. Children learn by example. "Please", "thank you", and "you are welcome", are a part of everyday routines. Table manners are reinforced at all times. Children are encouraged to be polite, take turns, and say excuse me.