

PRE-K CLASSES

Must be 4 years old by September 1

3 days: MTTh (integrated into the M-Th class) 4 days: M-Th Student/Teacher Ratio 14:2 5 days: M-F Student/Teacher Ratio 14:2

Our Pre-Kindergarten programs are designed to prepare children for Kindergarten. We use creative activities including the use of scissors, crayons, glue, paint, and blocks. Imaginative housekeeping play, cooking activities, science experiments, music, language and social development, as well as a love for literature, are encouraged throughout the year. Our curriculum also includes a multi-sensory approach to mathematics and language/reading readiness skills. An emphasis on fine motor skills with special attention to writing using *Handwriting without Tears* is included. Responsibility for personal items and space is emphasized. Examples from our curriculum are listed below.

- <u>Reading Readiness</u> skills such as identifying upper and lower case alphabet, identify rhyming words, and retelling the events of a story in sequence (beginning, middle, end)
- <u>Math</u> skills such as rote count to 20 and beyond, recognizing numbers 0 to 20 and beyond, understanding ordinal numbers 1st, 2nd, 3rd, graphing, and comparing more/less/equal
- <u>Social and personal</u> skills such as following 2 or 3 part directions, participating in class discussion and raising hand, playing cooperatively with others, and being familiar with daily calendar and weather
- <u>Fine motor</u> skills such as holding a pencil or crayon correctly, cutting with scissors, writing first name, drawing a person with 2 to 6 recognizable body parts, and zipping and buttoning.
- <u>Gross motor</u> skills such as balancing on one foot for 5 seconds, running, skipping, jumping forward on both feet, and crossing the mid-line with little difficulty.
- Weekly Specials include Chapel, Music, Storytelling, Science, and MEGA Fun (Math, Exercise, Garden, & Art). Science and MEGA Fun are offered bi-weekly.

Please contact us for our complete curriculum.

