



Daisy Preschool Curriculum

Play is the work of children. "It is the highest expression of human development in childhood." wrote Friedrich Froebel, who created the concept of kindergarten. Each child is different and has a unique set of abilities. So why force a common educational standard on them? We know children learn best through playing and our curriculum at Daisy is based on their interests.

Preschool is a time of rapid growth and development. While the preschool curriculum is designed keeping in mind the physical and intellectual developmental characteristics of 2 - 5 year olds, there are certain milestones that most preschoolers should achieve before they begin kindergarten. In a sense, curriculum for preschoolers is simple - play, play, play except for eat, eat, eat and nap for the remainder of the day. However, in the play format a lot can be buried in a simple curriculum so long as it is done in a playful, and child centric manner. **A play based, child- centered program includes both an extensive period of time for children to choose activities from a rich environment as well as panned activities, such as circle time and story time.**

We don't expect an adult to jump right into Solid State Physics without the prerequisite calculus class. In the same manner, three year old needs prerequisites of language development, phonological awareness (like rhyming), and sorting before child is ready for formal reading and math programs. A play-based program complements the whole child development model and provides basis for lifelong success to appreciate learning.

From reading and art to math and science, preschoolers learn something about everything at Daisy through every day experiences.

The Language Curriculum: Preschoolers learn, understand and use a wide variety of new words. The alphabet, the syllables, grammatical techniques, sight words and beginning/ending word sounds will all be incorporated into your child's daily routine. Our goal at Daisy is to encourage them to use language as a way to express themselves appropriately.

The Math Curriculum includes teaching the little ones to count, measure, identify and create patterns, use number and word symbols, and more. The steps taken today will be the foundation for your child's future math career. (Carpentry, Blocks, Cooking measuring)

The Art and Craft Curriculum: Children get a hang of expressing themselves through art, and drawing and coloring activities strengthen their fine motor development. The children will tap into their creative abilities and learn various crafts, such as primary/secondary colors.

The Science Curriculum: Science at the preschool level is designed to facilitate learning of key concepts in science and develop scientific thinking skills through a variety of thoughtfully connected learning experiences. We introduce the children to the wonders of physical and natural sciences. One skill they will learn will be to hypothesize and predict based on their observations. (Planting, cooking, sink and float, oil and water, baking soda and vinegar, volcano eruption).

The Music Curriculum: Music and movement in the early childhood classroom is an important part of a child's day. It helps develop self-esteem, social skills, listening skills, instrumental skills and so much more. The children will have countless opportunities to express themselves through the music and various instruments.

Social Interaction Skills: Every classroom has a day assigned where children can bring toys, books, pictures from home to show and tell. The purpose of show and tell is to give the children the opportunity to share something special about themselves with their friends. Also, the children are given a chance to practice the act of speaking to a group of their peers.

Fostering Creativity and Culture: We Foster creativity and culture through structured activities, free use of materials and exposure to multi-cultures. We have a well-diversified culture represented by Daisy community and the whole range of holidays from a wide variety of religions and cultures to rift off of.

Thus, the goal is to expose children to above mentioned curriculum in a comfortable, and nurturing environment via which they can appreciate learning for their beautiful journey ahead.