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Three Year Olds

Our three year olds are magical, not only in their thinking but in the expansion of their growth: cognitively, physically and emotionally. They learn through Sensory-motor activities and have a strong need for gross motor activities. Outside playground times and learning centers are very important. Our curriculum will build on the past skills learned - center on the children's needs and continue to expand skills.

Our children in the 3's will have a full curriculum, as do all our classes from the 2's up, but the skill levels are much more advanced. Children will work in small, large and individual groups. Stations and learning centers will be set-up in each room: Building-Blocks, Science, Cultural, Dress-up-Housekeeping for Creative Play, Art, Music, Computers, Table –Folder games, puzzles, and Library. Yoga, sign language and Spanish continue to enhance our curriculum.

Language: Experience/language boards will be used to record children's thoughts, creative stories and conclusions will also be written. This allows the children experience with letters, words and written expression. Letters will be matched and sounds will be used as denoted by individual child's needs. Sequencing, finding likes and difference, identifying missing objects memory games will be used to foster cognitive skills.

Science: Care of a living animal (fish) will begin—fostering responsibility. 5 senses will be advanced with experiments and sensory object, classification skills, labeling and questioning.

Social Studies: Will focus on the family, the school, the community with various community helpers visiting. Group participation will be stressed.

Art: Creativity will still flourish but there will also be some “directed ” to teach techniques and following directions.

Music: Children will perform for their parents singing songs and doing finger plays at special events.

Math: Children will learn to recognize numbers in and out of sequence, will begin to match number sets, count consistently past 10, understand number concepts, classify, recognize size differences, match colors, shapes including white, black, purple and pink.

Fine Motor and Gross Motor: The following skills will be developed and expanded on: Lacing, gluing, pegs, holds crayon and pencil with fingers not fist, copies lines and simple shapes, tears paper using pincher grip, uses scissors, rides tricycle, claps to music, balances etc.

Our progressive curriculum builds year to year with review for those children new to the program and individual help as well as group and station learning. We strive to meet the whole child to keep their minds active to promote growth: physically, emotionally, socially and positive self-image. We use positive Discipline, discussion, mirroring behaviors and PRAISE. Our three year olds are magical!!