



## Welcome to Preschool

Children at this age learn through independent play, play with peers, and play enhanced by a teacher's guidance. Our preschool program is child oriented, developmentally appropriate, and child initiated. A strong social background during the preschool years is most important in order to succeed academically later in school. Basic skills for kindergarten are taught through individual and group discoveries guided by the teachers.

The Center has adopted the philosophies of the High/Scope Early Childhood Curriculum. The curriculum is based on the belief that children learn best through 'active learning', direct hands-on experiences with people, objects events and ideas. The children will explore, ask and answer questions, solve problems and interact with classmates and adults as they pursue their choices and plans throughout the day. They will be engaging in teacher and child initiated learning activities in 10 child development content areas. These areas are: Creative Representation, Language and Literacy, Initiative and Social Relations, Movement, Music, Classification, Seriation, Number, Space and Time (Math and Science). The children will be engaging in activities that will help each child develop within each of these areas. A central element of the curriculum is the 'plan-do-review' sequence, small and large group activities and outside time. The lesson plans are posted within the classroom for you to look at.

A DRY ERASE BOARD is hung outside the classroom door on which the staff will write a general note outlining the activities of the day. If the teacher feels that anything out of the ordinary happened on a particular day with your child they will write you a note. If you have a question concerning your child's day please speak with the staff either at pick up or drop off.

It is important for your child to have a safe, caring, and consistent environment in which to learn. If you have any concerns or questions let us know. Conferences are scheduled twice a year. But feel free to call any time. We can work together to help your child grow in a healthy and safe environment.

### Things your child needs:

SMALL blanket and pillow (if desired)

Two complete change of clothes including underwear and socks

A lunch box if you bring breakfast

Weather-appropriate outside clothes:

Winter: snow jacket, snow pants or snowsuit, winter boots, hat & mittens

Summer: bathing suit, towel, sunscreen. summer hat and sunglasses if desired

Thank you,  
The Preschool Staff