

Four Year Old Program



Program Features

We continue building on the foundations started in our three year old program by using the ABEKA Christian Curriculum combined with The Frog Street Curriculum. The classroom is filled with fun activities and play that focus on high quality learning experiences to meet the individual needs and learning styles of each child.

The early childhood years are a critical time for each child's development and reaching meaningful milestones. Your child will have a monthly theme that is filled with rich activities. Every month and week the Centers have new items to enrich the children's learning experience. One month, dramatic play may be a veterinarians office, then it becomes a train station, and next a restaurant. Each transformation of the Centers brings about a new way to learn about the world around us as well as developing important language, math, social, and mathematical skills.

We continue to explore both indoors and outdoors. We begin our day in circle & Bible time and consider this the most important time of the day. Here we look at how much God loves us and learn rich lessons from our Bible Stories. We explore our physical world around us as we look at Creation to how we treat and care for people like the *Good Samaritan* story.

The Mustard Seed's comprehensive pre-K curriculum provides a rich classroom environment where your child is encouraged to explore and challenged to learn, providing a solid foundation for a successful education.

Language, Vocabulary, and Early Literacy Development

Language and literacy development impact every aspect of the child's life. The development of language and early literacy skills is the most important cognitive achievement of early childhood. Language allows children to understand others and the world around them, to express their thoughts and feelings, and to interact with others in meaningful ways. With rich literacy experiences, numerous opportunities to read and write, and quality instruction with responsive adults and peers, children begin to use the written word to communicate.

Mathematical Concepts and Reasoning

Young children experience mathematics naturally as they explore, inquire, interact and try to make sense of their world. It is essential to develop a solid mathematical foundation for every child. Throughout the day, children are actively engaged and introduced to key mathematical language, concepts, and processes. Children extend and use mathematics in their everyday activities, from puzzles, to building blocks, to art, to songs, and to language development. Your child will develop skills in number recognition and counting of 1 – 100, develop number concepts of 1-20, concepts of before and after and largest and smallest, and begin simple addition facts.

Scientific Investigation

Whether it is making a volcano erupt or studying bugs with a magnifying glass, young children are natural investigators wondering how things work and what will happen next. We take a hands-on approach to the study of science. Scientific investigations allow children to take risks and ask numerous questions. The experience becomes more meaningful by having our caring and knowledgeable teacher help explain and talk about a concept or principle.

Social and Emotional Development

We strive to develop both intrapersonal (positive self-concepts and the ability to regulate their emotions and behavior) and interpersonal (ability to develop positive and supportive relationships with others) social and emotional skills. By doing activities like greeting children as they arrive, sharing items for show-n-tell, displaying art work, and by sharing what they like best and least, we show and teach the children that their teacher and school care for them. This helps young children develop emotional security in social settings. The establishment of security then allows children to develop and practice their social skills in the learning Centers and with their classmates and beyond in their daily lives.

Physical and Motor Development

Four-year-olds need the opportunity to participate in experiences that foster fundamental motor and movement skills. We provide both indoor and outdoor activities to continue fine and gross motor skills. You will find that we love to dance, wiggle, and play a lot. Outdoors, we have chalkboards, bikes, a sandbox, puppet theatre, art easels, and some wonderful play structures to develop physicality.

Foundations for Kindergarten!

Children in our Pre-K Four program are preparing to enter what they call "Big Boy or Girl school." No matter what you or your child may call it we will be working with you to lay the foundation for A successful transition to their continued education while fostering a love for learning. During this last year of preschool your child will be introduced to activities and experiences that will ensure they make a successful transition to kindergarten.



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