# **Three Year Old Program**





We combine the <u>ABEKA Christian Curriculum</u> with <u>The Frog Street Curriculum</u> to create a comprehensive program to build the foundation that your child needs to be successful in school and beyond. Your child will create original stories with their classmates, "visit" foreign countries, grocery shop, build structures in the block area, and create one-of-a-kind art projects.

Each month, we will have a new theme that will be broken into unique, individual components that will capture the interest and needs of your child. The classroom is arranged into learning Centers that enhance the children's learning experience with stimulating and fun make believe "worlds." Important emphasis is placed on our *Bible* Story time and helping the children learn to be Kids of Character. This is when the children learn that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by a God who loves them. The *Bible* stories (Creation, Noah, Daniel, Zacchaeus, the Good Samaritan, and Jesus) provide us with lessons in character development.

The Mustard Seed's 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.



Children develop language skills by listening, talking, letter sounds, and letter recognition. We take a letter a week and focus on the recognition of the letter name, sound, and picture association. The children will look at vowels and consonants in both upper and lower case to builds the foundation to reading. Daily activities develop reading and writing skills and introduce important literacy concepts.

#### Math and Reasoning

Children learn math skills by developing different abilities in their every day lives. Through sorting blocks by shapes and colors to making patterns out of popsicle sticks, children will begin to develop a basic understanding of numbers, patterns and how to compare items. Even snack time is utilized to teach the children about shapes and learning parts of the whole (fractions).

#### Science Skills

This time is spent learning about seasons, time, health, and safety. The children learn about the world around them by observation and hands-on opportunities. They are given the opportunity to conduct experiments and asked to observe what they see. Activities are designed to help threes develop creative thinking, problem-solving skills, and to practice the art of inquiry.

#### Social and Emotional Skills

Group time allows your child to talk, listen, share, take turns, cooperate, interact with friends, and learn the value of giving and receiving feedback. Positive reinforcement helps children realize the importance of being a team player and refines skills needed to flourish in a classroom environment.

### **Physical Development**

Children need physical movement every day to develop their bodies. Movement also helps them to learn. Our experienced teachers work with children to develop their large motor skills -- running, jumping, throwing and kicking – and practice coordination skills such as writing, drawing, cutting and other gross motor activities.

## Creativity and Imagination

Dramatic play, music, and art activities give every child the opportunity to showcase their abundant creativity. We encourage all children to express their ideas in order to help build confidence, independence, and imagination.



"A Great Place to Learn and Grow!"



Hands-On Learning to Sustain Insatiable Curiosity!

Three year olds are ready for MORE... they want to know more about their world, more about how things work and come together, more about everything they see in their everyday lives. Our Preschool Program is designed to offer a wide variety of activities to engage your child and continue to prepare him or her for kindergarten.

