



Our 3 year old preschool classes have a ratio of 12 students to 2 teachers. The WEE Learn theme-based curriculum is used. Each week a different theme is the basis for the activities, art, songs and books used in class. They have center activities which change regularly to approach concepts in a variety of ways. The kids have so much fun that they think they are playing all day, but we know they are learning all day.

Many of the things we do or learn in our 3 year old classes:

#### Social/Emotional Development:

- Building relationships with teachers, sharing, following directions, participating in a group, sitting still in circle time, participating in cleanup, etc.

#### Language & Math Readiness:

- Introduction to identifying letters
- Identifying their own written name
- Vocabulary through conversations, activities, fiction and non-fiction books
- Rhyming
- Expanding on a story or concept through pictures, puppets, felt board, finger plays
- Listening to stories through headphones in our listening centers
- Introduction to identifying numbers
- Counting objects and counting verbally
- Matching numbers to sets of objects with the same number
- Identifying and continuing patterns
- Shapes & colors

#### Fine Motor & Gross Motor Skills:

- Puzzles, manipulatives, scissor work, drawing tools, play dough, sensory boxes, etc.
- Playground or gym time daily as weather permits for climbing, running, jumping, etc.
- Obstacle courses, parachute play

#### Science:

- Experiments, observations, discovery
- Weather
- Subjects such as apples, farm, zoo, ocean, bugs, frogs, healthy bodies, 5 senses

#### Social Studies:

- Family, friends, community, health
- Calendar, days of week, months of year
- Subjects such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, community helpers, camping, families

#### Creativity:

- Creative movement, artistic expression, musical expression & instruments

#### Examples of extra activities:

- Chapel every Thursday, where students are lead by a pastor in songs and a bible lesson
- Bible story in class each week
- Daily prayer before snack
- Programs for parents- Christmas program, Mother's Day Tea
- In-house field trips or demonstrations: Fire safety, Dental Hygiene, Soccer Clinic