



Our 4 year old preschool class is designed to prepare all students for Kindergarten. We keep a low ratio of 16 students to 2 teachers. The WEE Learn theme-based curriculum exposes students to developmentally appropriate texts and activities. Through the content of these themes, students are given many opportunities to develop the vocabulary and content knowledge that lays a foundation for later academic success, especially reading and reading comprehension.

Many of the things 4 year olds will learn here:

#### Social/Emotional Development:

- Building warm and caring relationships with teachers, making friends, increasing self-confidence, following directions, participating in group discussions, etc.

#### Language/Reading Readiness:

- Letter recognition, letter sounds
- Writing their letters and writing their name
- Vocabulary through conversations, activities, fiction and non-fiction books
- Recognizing and producing rhymes
- Retelling important facts from non-fiction
- Sequencing pictures to retell a story
- Answering questions about unfamiliar vocabulary words or concepts in a story
- Predicting what happens next

#### Fine Motor & Gross Motor Skills:

- Puzzles, manipulatives, scissor work, large pencils, etc. to develop muscles used in hand-writing.
- Playground or gym time daily as weather permits for climbing, running, jumping, etc.

#### Math Readiness:

- Identifying and writing numbers
- Counting, sorting, measuring, creating patterns
- Spatial relationships

#### Science:

- Experiments, observations, classifications, predictions
- Subjects such as hibernation, space, dinosaurs, pets, ocean, bugs, plants

#### Social Studies:

- Family, friends, cultures, community
- Past, present, future, sequence of events
- Subjects such as Pilgrims and Indians, Christmas, American patriotism, careers

#### Creativity:

- Creative movement, artistic expression, musical expression, dramatic play

#### Examples of extra activities:

- Chapel every Thursday, where students are lead by a pastor in songs and a bible lesson
- Daily prayer before snack
- Programs performed for parents- Thanksgiving, Circus, Graduation
- In-house field trips or demonstrations: Fire safety, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Dental Hygiene, Soccer Clinic
- Each student has a subscription to Scholastic's Clifford Magazine called "My Big World" that they use in class for many lessons and activities.