

WELCOME TO 3 YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

We have planned this year to have a wonderful mix of fun and learning. We are very excited to start a new year.

At the beginning of each month, you will receive a newsletter, activity calendar and our songs of the month. Please take a few moments to read these newsletters as they will inform you of what we will be doing for the month and serve as a reminder of important dates for activities that we have planned. We want you to be as informed as possible of the activities your child is participating in. Each week we will be teaching the children a new song. These songs will be incorporated with the letter or theme of the week. We strongly encourage you to sing these songs with your child at home. Children love to sing and this is a great way to learn a new song with your child at home.

Each week, we will work on a letter or theme and each of our projects or activities will be based on that letter or theme. We will also teach your child each letter in sign language as well as other simple signs such as mom, dad, water, etc. We are also going to introduce your child scissors. A teacher will sit with 2 children at a time on the days we have the cutting table open and begin to teach them safety rules when they are using the scissors, how to hold them and guide them through the basics of cutting. Another area that we will work on through the year is their names. As they learn to recognize the letters in their name, we will begin to trace the letters in their name. As mentioned above, we will work on some themes throughout the year. Attached is a list of some of the themes that we will cover. Some of the themes listed may change due to the children's interests.

We will divide our theme units into 9 curriculum areas: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Art, Physical Education, Health, and Self Concept. We have included a more defined list of the

curriculum area will be used with every letter or theme, but they will all be included throughout the year.

The type of clothing your child wears to preschool is important. There are so many cute clothes for children, but many of them are difficult for children who are just potty trained. Please make sure that the clothes your child wears are comfortable and that they do not hinder or restrict their movement and developing independence. Also, please remember that even though we do wear paint shirts when we are doing something messy, sometimes they still get dirty. Please do not send them in Sunday's best.

Please check the menu to see what is being served for lunch. If we are having something your child does not like, they can bring a lunch from home. If you do pack your child's lunch remember that Rosey's is a PEANUT FREE facility. Nothing with nuts or peanut butter may be brought into the building. Please do not pack any candy or pop. Also, please be sure that you put an ice pack in the lunch box, as we do not have room in our refrigerators for them.

Thank you for taking time to read this packet of information. Early education in young children is very important in developing the skills they will use throughout their schooling and life experiences.

We are looking forward to working with your child and we hope that this year will prepare your child with the skills they will need to make a smooth transition to the 4 year old preschool.

Sincerely,

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL STAFF

PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 630-730 | Free Play |
| 730-830 | Breakfast/Group Play |
| 830-845 | Clean up/Bathroom/Wash hands |
| 845-900 | Dancing/Stories |
| 900-915 | Pick Daily Jobs |
| 915-930 | Large Group-Calendar, Days of the Week, Months of the Year, Weather, Colors, Shapes, Counting, ABC's, talk about the letter/Theme of the Week, Project of the Week, Sign Language, Song of the Week |
| -1020 | Project and Free Choice Time |
| 1020-1030 | Clean up/Bathroom/Wash hands |
| 1030-1055 | Indoor Playscape or Outside Time |
| 1055-1100 | Drinks |
| 1100-1130 | Show and Tell, Games, Group Activities |
| 1130-1145 | Wash hands/Sing Songs/Stories |
| 1145-1230 | Lunch/Bathroom/Wash hands/Stories |
| 1230-230 | Rest Time |
| 230-300 | Bathroom/Wash hands/Snack/Drinks |
| 300-400 | Group Activities/Stories/Singing/Playtime |
| 400-445 | Outside |
| 445-530 | Tape Books/Stories/Dancing/Singing |
| 530-600 | Indoor Playscape/Departure Time |

THEMES

Manners
Rules
ABC's
Seasons
Safety/Transportation
Dental Health
Shapes
Numbers
Colors
Five Senses
Fire Prevention
Holidays
Families/Pets
Community Helpers
Nutrition

CURRICULUM AREAS

Language Arts- This includes written and spoken language and the skills involved in pre-reading and writing.

Math- This includes number concepts, measurement, geometry, comparing volume, weight, and length of things in time and space.

Science- This includes concepts about the natural world such as growth, nature, changing seasons, etc. and concepts about the physical world, such as sound, light, magnetism, etc.

Social Studies- This includes concepts about the child as a member of a social group and such topics as families, people's work in the community, etc.

Music- This can include singing, using instruments, introduction to a variety of kinds of music as well as movement and dance.

Art- This includes the use of creative media involved in drawing, painting, collage construction, play-dough, clay, etc.

Health and Physical Education- This includes health and safety topics, as well as activities for physical development, such as exercise, games, and creative movement.

Self-concept- This includes activities of self recognition and self awareness.