

WELCOME TO 3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

We have planned a wonderful mix of fun and learning this year and are very excited to have your child experience this with us.

We will send home a monthly newsletter and activity calendar for you to read through. Please take a few moments to read these because we will add information about special activities. We want each family to be informed as much as possible of the activities in which your child will be participating in.

Each week we will follow a specific theme. We have included a list of themes that we will be covering throughout the year. Some things 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, Health and physical education, and Self-concept. We included a more defined list of these curriculum areas. Some curriculum areas fit better with certain themes. Not every curriculum area will be used with every theme, but they will all be included throughout the year.

CURRICULUM AREAS

Language arts- this includes written and spoken language and the skills involved in pre-reading and writing.

Math- this includes number concepts, measurements, 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.

Themes

Manners	Earth Day
Rules	Dinosaurs
Space	Pets
Earth	Families
Michigan Week	Plants/Flowers
Famous People	Inventions
History	Library
ABC'S	Numbers
Seasons	Holidays
Health	Nutrition
Safety	Fire Prevention
Dental Health	5 Senses
Shapes	Colors
Community Helpers	Transportation

Show and Tell- Your child may bring in ONE item of their choice to share with the class, or they may just wish to tell something to the class. We will send home a show and tell schedule as to what day of the week your child will be assigned show and tell. This is a great way for your child to learn how to use their language skills as well as ask questions to explore the subject. Books, pictures, and games are some great things to share. We will try to read the book, and the children love to teach their friends new games. This is a great social skill and their first experience at public speaking. Please have your children bring their show and tell in their backpack or a bag. This way it will be a surprise for the class. Toys should be brought into school on their scheduled show and tell day only.

During group time we will pick a lunch helper (who helps pass out the plates, cups and spoons), group helpers do the weather, calendar and collect the name cards. The line leader is the one that directs us outside and or to the playscape.

The type of clothes your child wears to Preschool is important. There are so many cute clothes for children, but so many are difficult for children that are just potty trained. Please make sure that the clothes your child wears are clothes that are comfortable and doesn't hinder or restrict their

movement and developing independence. Also, remember that your child will get messy, so please don't dress 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.

PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR YOUR PRESCHOOLER:

FITTED CRIB SHEET, blanket and pillow for their cot.

EXTRA CLOTHES for their cubby.

FAMILY PICTURE to be displayed in the classroom.

BACKPACK to put their projects in to bring home.

Thank you for taking the time to read through 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 4-year old preschool.