



WESTLAKE

Preparatory Academy

Pre-K 3 Curriculum

In Pre-K 3 at Westlake, we believe children learn best by doing. Our program and curriculum are structured around thematic units of study that are exciting to young children. We provide a wide variety of experiences for students in a caring, nurturing, and stimulating atmosphere.

We create lessons based on the TEKS and Early Childhood Outcomes set by the Texas Education Agency.

What they learn

- **Social-Emotional Learning:** We learn how to build relationships with ourselves as well as others.
- **Thematic Units:** A thematic unit is a curriculum or lesson plan designed around a specific theme or subject. Thematic units involve creating a series of integrated lessons for all content areas, reading, writing, math, science, etc.
- **Literature:** Every day, students listen to a story that aligns with our unit of study. We use the stories to retell, sequence, and expose them to reading.
- **Letters & Sounds:** We follow the ABC Bootcamp for knowledge of letters and sounds. ABC Bootcamp is a research-based, classroom-proven introduction to all letters and sounds. It is an explicit, systematic, highly effective phonics curriculum.
- **Mathematics:** Students develop a basic understanding of numbers and counting while also working towards grouping, sorting, comparing objects, and identifying patterns.
- **Science & Discovery:** Our goal is for students to gain knowledge through observations, experiments, and play. Our science curriculum is about connecting children's senses to the world around them through thematic units of study.
- **Fine Motor:** We use a fine motor journal program to teach pre-writing skills, handwriting foundations, and strengthen fine motor muscles. Students practice writing types of lines/letters, name activities, letter activities, torn paper/cutting collages, sticker activities, drawing activities, hole punch activities, tape activities, and more!
- **Social Studies:** We focus on giving students a broad understanding of community and its members, home(s), people, and geography. Students will also learn about personal, home, and school responsibilities.
- **Bible:** The One in Christ curriculum helps young children learn about Jesus and grow in their understanding of God's love for them. Our lessons provide a framework for children to explore, express, create, and relate to one another each day.
- **Special Classes:** Our Pre-K students participate in Spanish, PE, music and art classes. Students attend these classes 2-3 times a week.