## Creative Curriculum and Al's Pals

Through the use of The Creative Curriculum all preschool students are immersed in learning through purposeful play-based experiences on topics they are familiar with from their everyday lives.

Children find opportunities for rigorous skill development like counting, measurement, and language comprehension while also developing positive relationships, gross-motor skills, and problem-solving abilities.

Using exploration and discovery as a way of learning, Creative Curriculum for Preschool enables children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills. Students will be participating in studies that are 4-6 weeks long.

Richmond Public Schools is committed to social emotional learning as the foundation for all learning. Our social emotional curriculum is *Al's Pals*. Al's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices is a resiliency-based early childhood curriculum and teacher training program that develops personal, social, and emotional skills in children 3 to 8 years old.

By incorporating Al's Pals strategies into daily instruction, teachers are able to help children learn to identify and express their feelings appropriately, show kindness, manage impulses and behaviors, cope in healthy ways, and solve problems.

Teachers help children practice these skills in a caring, cooperative environment through fun lessons, use of engaging puppets, original music, and effective teaching approaches.

