



Universal Pre-K (UPK)

Arrival CA- 8:45-8:50 LA/SD-9:15-9:25

Dismissal CA- 2:15-2:20 LA/SD- 2:40-2:50

Our Philosophy

Our program is dedicated to creating a safe, nurturing, and dynamic learning environment where every child can thrive, embracing their unique learning styles and levels of independence. We foster an atmosphere where students are challenged to think creatively, solve problems, collaborate with others, and express their ideas freely, empowering them to grow both academically and personally.

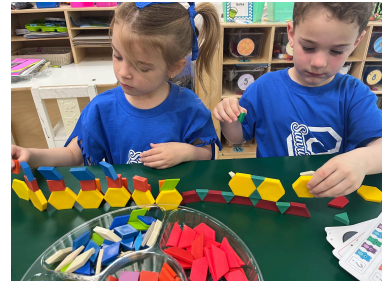
Pre-K Curriculum

Our program is carefully crafted to support social, emotional and physical needs of young children, including the intrinsic necessity for physical movement and independent discovery. The day is thoughtfully planned to balance all of these needs within a warm, nurturing, and intellectually intriguing setting.

Our UPK program is aligned with [NYS Pre-K Learning Standards](#) for ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art, STEAM, and Fine Motor Skills. Key learning experiences in our UPK Program include:



- Monthly themes aligned with seasons and holidays, as well as *Creative Curriculum* studies
- Social Studies
- Letters & Numbers
- Early language acquisition skills, including instruction through the *Foundations* and *Hegerty* literacy programs



- Phonemic awareness
- Proper letter formation and pincer grip
- Beginning writing skills
- Early reading and comprehension
 - proper book handling
 - storytelling language
 - predictions and personal connections
 - retelling
 - fiction vs. nonfiction concepts and book comparisons



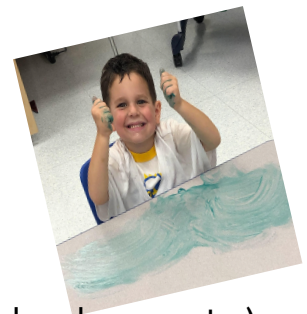
- Speaking, listening, problem solving, independence, executive functioning skills
- Center based play and discovery
- Social and Emotional learning (SEL)



Center-Based Learning

Centers provide opportunities for hands-on learning, choice, cooperative play, problem solving and differentiation of learning styles and skills.

- Numeracy
- STEAM (Science & Technology)
- Art
- Literacy
- Dramatic Play (Kitchen, doll house, dress up, etc.)
- Sensory play (water, rice, beans, sand, kinetic sand, orbeez, etc.)
- Fine Motor (beading, cutting, gluing, painting, play doh, stamps).



- Gross Motor play
- Building and transportation

School readiness



- Encourage toileting independence
- Plan for shoes and clothes for daily play, outdoor running, climbing and independence
- Practice putting on and taking off coats
- Practice zipping/unzipping a backpack
- Be prepared to say goodbye at the door



Important Information

Pre-K parent orientation evening at Sunrise Drive Elementary School	Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:00 p.m. Sunrise Drive cafeteria entrance
1st day of School & teacher orientation (one hour) for parents and students -Supply drop off	(no siblings, please)
Half Day	
First Full Day	

In the words of a Pre-K student...

“Today is the best day ever!”

Enjoy your exciting journey!

