

Early Childhood



Early Childhood classes are structured to support developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning based on the interests demonstrated by students. Our curriculum engages children in eight key growth areas with hands-on and experiential learning opportunities.

Language & Literacy

Classroom objects are named and labeled, students write in journals, and their stories are told and recorded. Books are read aloud, followed by literary discussion. Teachers model literary thinking by verbalizing predictions, making inferences, and asking questions about events occurring in the text.

Cognitive Exploration

Young students are constantly deciding how to interact with the world around them. We support students who learn by taking things apart to see how they work, others ask questions to gain information, and some quietly observe before determining their course of action.

Music & Movement

Students experience diverse musical concepts through songs, chants, games, poetry, and instrumental music. Children use movement and kinesthetic experiences to deepen their connection to music by experiencing musical ideas with the body.

Kindergarten Readiness

Children preparing for kindergarten take on leadership roles in the classroom community and serve as role models to younger children. They also engage in small group instruction geared toward important early literacy and math skills.

Social & Emotional

Teachers help students learn to navigate relationships with peers and adults in a variety of contexts. Guiding students as they grow their independence and ability to engage in social situations is an important focus, as is helping children discover the importance of understanding the world from others' perspectives.

Physical Education

In early childhood, physical development encompasses activities like the running, jumping, ball throwing and balancing often seen on the playground, to scissor, pencil and crayon manipulation and the ability to sit as part of a group and listen.

Artistic Expression

Students work with a range of materials and techniques such as clay, paint, and collage. The foundation of students' identities as artists are encouraged and cultivated through creative exploration and self-expression. Many projects extend classroom explorations into the art room.

Spanish Culture & Language

Through puppets, music, movement, stories and games, students develop correct pronunciation, rhythm and intonation, along with basic vocabulary in colors, numbers, shapes and greetings. Projects and activities in español also connect to students' emergent studies.

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