

Skills built in centers

Books, Language and Literacy: As early language learners, literacy is the basis of all that we learn. It is incorporated in all of our centers, lesson planning, and developmental domains. When the children are being asked open ended questions or read and sang to by their teachers, it helps to provide a huge vocabulary and implement more words into sentence structure while strengthening word annunciation. The children also learn about cultural diversity as they learn about places around the world.

Math and Science: The child's reasoning and comprehension of math and science provides an array of exploration to naturalistic materials like plants, pets, weather, and other earth like materials. We focus on charts, graphs, and experiments to increase cause and effect awareness. The children strengthen their fine and gross motors skills with hands on projects and documenting their hypothesis and results.

Blocks: Our students build concepts using fine and gross motor skills when grasping blocks and math skills such as shape recognition, sorting, matching, and stacking blocks. Cognitive skills when using cause and effect; why blocks are balancing or falling over. Social and language skills are enhanced as the children work together to build and become creative.

Home Living/Dramatic Play: Math skills are demonstrated as they measure, sort, and create food activities. Their cognitive skills are broadened with creative thinking and interaction with peers. They enhance their fine and gross motor skills along with self help skills as they dress themselves and perform in their role play. Social, emotional and language skills are stimulated as they role play and interact with one another.

Manipulatives: Cognitive skills are put to use in this center as they sort, classify, graph, and match. Fine motor skills are strengthened as they work on recognition and identification in their play which includes teacher instruction and one on one activities.

Art Center: The children's sensory development and fine/gross motors skills are strengthened as they release their creative instincts. They learn language and cognitive skills such as math and science. Colors, textures and other diverse materials are incorporated. Their language and literacy skills are expressed in their art creations. Social and emotional skills are increased with group projects and writing stories along with it. This stimulates team work and patience.

Music and Movement: Promotes language and gross motor development as the children sing and dance. Math is also incorporated as the children learn to count to the beat of a drum or dance. The children learn about cultural diversity and other languages as they hear diverse music and instruments. Cognitive skills are increased as the children learn to sing new songs and use their memory and comprehensive skills to remember the words as they sing over and over again. Language skills are broadened as the children sing, clap, or dance to the syllables in a song.

Health and Physical Education: The children learn about healthy eating habits on a daily basis as they are provided three healthy meals a day. The teachers focus on table manners, hand washing and healthy eating choices at each meal. Gross motor development is stimulated at least twice a day when we go outside for various play-ground and bicycle play. When outside, the children strengthen their motors skills while demonstrating balance, coordination, running, jumping and climbing within their play.

Our Teachers

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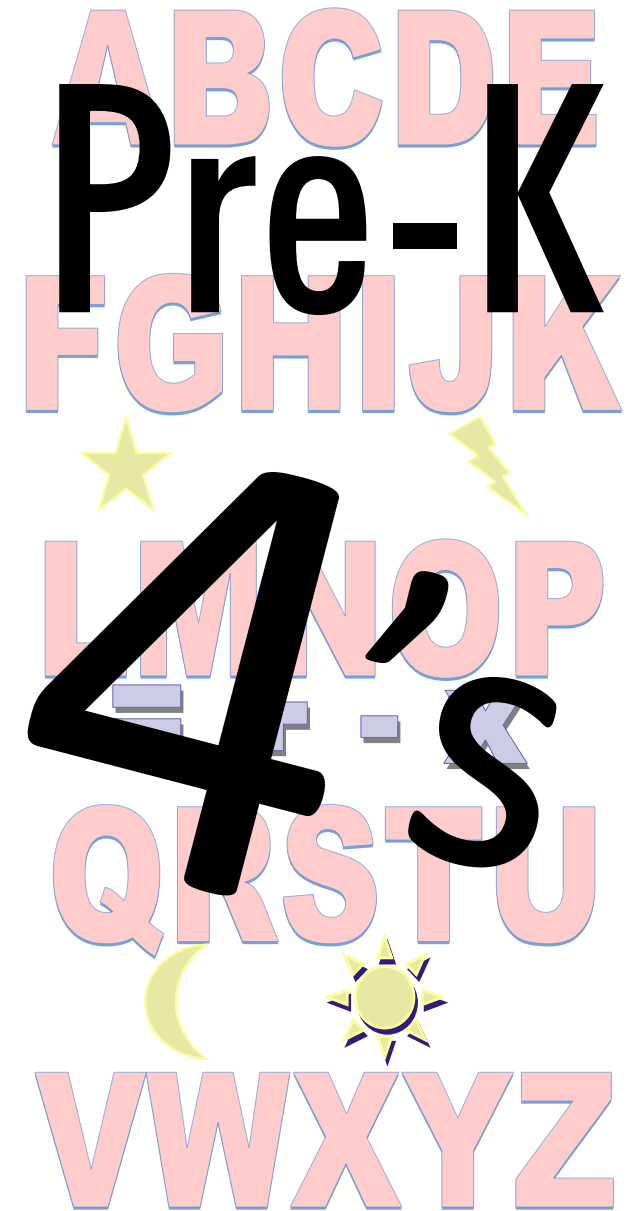
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Overview

Welcome to the Pre-K Fours! This classroom is all about preparing your child for Pre-K Fives and becoming a confident and successful individual. Knowing how to spell their name, address, and phone number is the initial step. Language skills are enhanced through reading, phonics recognition, poems, and rhyming words. Math skills are gained through graphing, classifying, learning currency, counting forwards/backwards, and basic addition/subtraction skills. New Horizons helps to develop science skills through hypothesizing, observing, and lots of experimentation to include cooking. Children are encouraged to express themselves through art and talk about their creations. Technology is available to help strengthen skills within all areas.

Reminders

- Daily - check the calendar of the week for items of the day
- Mondays Phonics Lesson - Letter Day
- Mondays - please bring in a fitted crib sheet, soft blanket, and a small soft sleep toy.
- Please check your child's behavior chart daily.
- Music days are on Wednesdays
- Fridays are Show and Share day. Please no violent toys or Nintendo DS. Toys should be related to the theme or homework.
- Fridays - please turn in weekly homework
- Please keep an extra change of clothing in the child's cubby.
- Please no large book bags.

Schedule

6:30 – 8:00	Greeting/Free choice centers
8:00 – 8:30	Outside Play (weather permitting)
8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Group Gathering for Health and Exercise
9:15 – 10:30	Free Choice Play
10:30 – 10:50	Morning Circle - Group
10:50 – 11:00	Writing activity/Potty/Wash Hands
11:00 – 11:45	Outside Play (weather permitting)
11:45 – 12:05	Math Game/Wash Hands/ Prepare for Lunch
12:05 – 12:30	Lunch and Social Time
12:30 – 12:45	Table Toys or Literacy Time/ Potty
12:45 – 2:45	Nap Time or Quiet Rest Time
2:45 – 3:00	Potty and Wash Hands
3:00 – 3:30	Afternoon Snack/Social Gathering
3:30 – 4:45	Free Choice Centers
4:45 – 5:30	Outside Play (weather permitting)
5:30 – 6:00	Table Toys/Puzzles/ Games/ Departure

*Weather Permitting: the temperatures in the winter months will determine early A.M. Play.

Goals

Gross Motor Skills

To develop stronger, healthier children through daily indoor/outdoor exercise, healthy eating habits, and lessons about safety.

Fine Motor Skills

To strengthen their fine motor skills through writing, cutting with scissors, and manipulation of using their hands in arts and play.

Social/Emotional Skills

To interact with peers and teachers with manners, confidence, and the exploration of learning.

Cognitive Skills

To strengthen their understanding and increase their reasoning and problem solving skills.

Language Skills

To build writing skills through phonic awareness, communication, comprehension, reading and a love of literacy.

*Letter Land Program is provided

**These goals are a small example of what we focus on, lessons are tailored within each domain