Mayor’s Office Children, Youth and Learning

Early Childhood School Year 2019-20

Literacy & Number Sense run the School Year: 30 weeks, beginning September 9th, 2019

All other classes run seasonally:

- Fall: 8 weeks, beginning October 7th, 2019
- Winter: 8 weeks, beginning January 6th, 2020
- Spring: 8 weeks, beginning March 23th, 2020

Important Note- In order to participate in drop-off classes, children must:

- Be able to use the bathroom independently
- Separate easily from parent/guardian
- Be 3 years old by the first day of class

Literacy | Ages 3-5

Children learn literacy skills through a targeted curriculum that includes songs, poems, circle time, literacy centers, small and whole group activities, and read-alouds. Children engage in play and activities that are related to phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, print knowledge, comprehension, reading and writing.

Number Sense | Ages 3-5

Children learn math concepts through games, circle time, songs, learning centers, whole group activities and everyday math related experiences and problem solving. Children engage in play and activities that are related to number recognition, counting and using numbers and language to compare quantities. Sorting, patterning, shapes, measurement, graphing, and number formation are included in the curriculum.

Parent/Child Music & Movement | Ages 0-5

Prepare for fun! In our classes we will sing, dance and play instruments. We'll explore music through story time & prop play, develop rhythm and tonal pattern, sing classic children's songs and learn new songs. Additionally, we'll practice good listening and observational skills. Come sing, dance, and play with instruments in an upbeat class!
Afternoon Lunch/Class Combos | Ages 4-5 enrolled in Level B

This program supports the transition to a longer school day, and the expectation of eating lunch away from home. Our Level B (kindergarten bound) students learn to balance socialization and eating and fuel-up for afternoon learning. Children will be guided in managing themselves as they eat their bagged lunches with an adult facilitator. The facilitator will guide: handwashing & bathroom time, carrying lunches to designated lunch area, setting up lunch in their prescribed space, managing eating and socializing in the prescribed time, cleaning and packing up, and transitioning to class.

Preschool Science | Ages 4-5 enrolled in Level B

**Fall** - Water in Our World! Explore water in all its forms with experiments and activities. Investigations include natural phenomena such as clouds, rain, the water cycle and buoyancy. Read-alouds and experiments bring to light our precious water on Earth and the need to take care of it, and the fact that all living things need water!

**Winter** - Yummy In My Tummy: Edible Science! We all love to eat! But, did you know cooking is science?! Children will learn basic nutrition facts while engaging in food investigations using science process skills. Session will include cooking experiments as well as sensory activities, read-alouds, observing, sorting and classifying food.

**Spring** - Life Cycles: Things That Grow! Explore life cycles of living things including butterflies, chickens, frogs, plants and trees through hands-on activities, read-alouds, songs, and observation of live specimens!

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Preschool Art | Ages 4-5 enrolled in Level B

Jump into the creative pool! Children experiment with a range of textures, materials and tools throughout these "process art" classes. The teacher will encourage students to share their thoughts about their experience and creations. Art clothing is strongly suggested!

Little Steamers | Ages 4-5 enrolled in Level B

Develop creative thinking, critical thinking and problem-solving skills by participating in a process that is prompted by open-ended questions. Come explore and create!