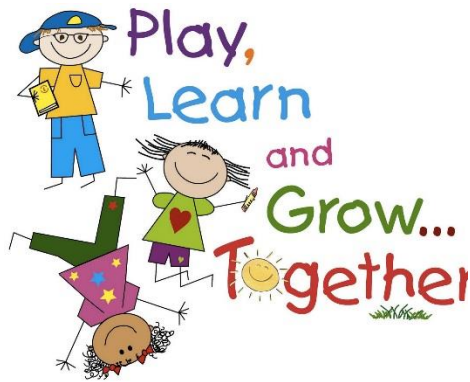


GLORIA DEI PRESCHOOL
DISCOVERY CENTER

KINDERGARTEN PREPARATION



At Gloria Dei Preschool Discovery Center, we are preparing your children for Kindergarten by incorporating many skills into the classroom. The skills are learned through different activities.

We use music, small group and large groups, games, activities, art and readiness skills to accomplish our goals. S.T.E.M. activities are incorporated into the schedule in order to promote interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Children learn at different rates and through different rates and through different stimulus. A well balanced curriculum is the key to successful preschool education.

The curriculum is reviewed annually by the Director and Teaching staff. Our curriculum is aligned with the PA Standards for education. Activities are planned by the teacher and used according to the needs of the children. Each Teacher is free to implement the curriculum in their own professional manner. Lesson plans are submitted on a weekly basis to the Director for evaluation.

It is important that the children are prepared for Kindergarten and learn that school is fun. The following is an outline of the skills that are taught.

- **Math Readiness:**
 - Shape Awareness
 - Number Identification (1-20)
 - Visual Discrimination:
 - Big / Little Concept
 - More / Less
 - Counting Object
 - Patterning – Introduction
 - Categorize Objects
 - Money – Introduction
- **Reading Readiness Skills:**
 - Opposites
 - Alike / Different Concept
 - Position – top, bottom, etc.
 - Letter Introduction & Initial Sounds
 - Left / Right
 - Left to right progression
 - Recognizes Name /
 - Introduction to Printing Name
 - Color Identification
- **Fine Motor Skills:**
 - Scissor skills:
 - Holding & Using, Snip, Cut, Cutting on lines, and cutting around objects.
 - Pasting / Gluing Skills
 - Puzzles
 - Stringing Beads

Introduction & Usage of Classroom Tools
Position / Usage of Crayons
Position / Usage of Pencils
Coordinating Eye / Hand movements to perform task.

- **Science:**
Basic introduction to science using age appropriate activities in the classrooms. In addition, monthly enrichment activities are planned and implemented by our Science Enrichment Teacher.
- **Music Activities:**
Integrated through entire curriculum, based on holidays, themes of the month, seasons, etc.
Introduction to basic instruments and music appreciation.
Sound patterns in music, listening and movement.
- **Art Activities:**
Integrated through entire curriculum, based on holidays, themes of the month and pre – readiness skills. Introduction to basic art mediums using a variety of materials.

- **Gross Motor Activities:**
Indoor and Outdoor play on varied equipment. Games and age appropriate activities are integrated through the curriculum.
- **Work Habits:**
Learning to follow routines and directions independently.
Working in small groups.
Listening skills.
Attention Span.
- **Communication Skills:**
Communicating with peers and adults.
Communicating wants and needs.
Expanding Vocabulary.
- **Social/Emotional Skills:**
Play and Share Cooperatively.
Taking Turns.
Self-Image.
Show Respect for people and things.
Identify Human Feelings
Take turns in games and tasks.
- **Enrichment Activities:**
Field Trips, In-house presentation to enhance curriculum.

5 DAY & 3 DAY FULL DAY CLASSES

The full day classes participate in afternoon activities together on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This small group time helps to build community and gives students experience working with children other than their classmates.

The afternoon activities consist of:

- Skill building activities using I-Pads and Computers working in small groups.
- Physical Education with our Enrichment Teacher
- Rotating Activities such as Music & Movement, cooking, arts & Crafts and Science.

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