

Storybook Child Care

Pre-K Program Description

I. Introduction

Storybook offers a full day program rich in variety of activities and learning experiences. The activities and experiences are planned to promote growth in the various areas of each child's development such as large & small motor, cognitive & language, and social-emotional. The program provides the children with many choices of activities, and allows for a balance of active and quiet activities. We use a thematic approach to teaching, concentrating on one or two "children friendly" topics each week. Our activities are planned to encourage learning through hands on play and exploration, and with the developmental needs of each age group (and for the individual children within the group) in mind.

II. Goals of the Program

1. To provide an environment that makes children feel welcomed, valued & respected as a person.
2. To foster each child's individuality and unique development with lots of hands-on, personal attention.
3. To address all areas of the children's growth; emotional, social, physical (both small and large motor skills), language, cognitive and creativity.
4. To provide a wide range of activities and experiences that will help to develop independence in daily routines, and a curiosity and a love for learning.

III. Basic Content of Our Program

Circle Time

We begin our formal program each day with Circle time. During circle time we review our calendar and the weather. We also review the special letter, color or shape of the week. We discuss current events pertinent to the children and review any special activities taking place at the center during the week. We may also sing a song, do a fingerplay, or read a short story.

Learning Talking Doing

This section of the program includes tasks for language & conceptual development along with concrete experiences, and is often conducted in a group. Through these hands-on experiments, the children experience a great deal of cognitive development including how to problem solve.

Art Projects

Storybook emphasizes "process oriented" art where the children "work" more on their fine motor skills and creativity than on the finished product. We work with a