

## **Our Program Approach**

It may look like play, but it is a child's work to manipulate, change, try again, and discover. We use a thematic model as the basis for learning in our classrooms with the inclusion of Highscope in all classrooms and Handwriting Without Tears where developmentally appropriate. Our activities are designed to encourage children to learn in a variety of ways. Your child's teachers will communicate with you to keep you informed of what is being presented in each classroom.

**The Infant Class (4:1)** is offered for children ages 2 months up to 1 year.

Prior to the child's first day, a one on one meeting will be held so that teachers and parents can discuss each child individually. In this room teachers are busy feeding, changing and rocking children. Highscope Infant Curriculum is used as well as books, music, and toys to help teachers engage with their students and foster brain development and physical growth. Parents may choose enrollment of 1, 2 or 3 days per week.

**The Toddler Class (5:1)** accepts children who are 1 year old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

This class follows a consistent daily schedule to provide comfort for the children in their daily routine. Highscope Curriculum for Toddlers is used to facilitate the class routine and foster early learning. The children are participating in large and small group activities throughout their day. Using weekly themes the teachers are presenting colors, letters and numbers in a fun engaging way. Each week the class attends Music, Bible, and Story Time. Outdoor playtime (weather permitting) is part of each day as well as afternoon naptime. Parents may choose enrollment of 2 or 3 days per week.

**The Two-Year-Old Class (6:1)** is for children who turn 2 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

These children and their teachers are busy! Highscope Curriculum is a big part of their day providing a consistent schedule and facilitating an early learning environment. Through large and small group activities children are introduced to letters, numbers and colors as well as fun themes. Special activity classes such as Music, Bible, and Story Time are provided each week. Twice a month, children will be enriched by STEM classes with Miss Rebecca from the Busy Beetle.

This class focuses on building hand strength through many fine motor activities and early writing practice. Plenty of opportunities for free play both inside and outside (weather permitting) allow teachers to model beginning cooperative play. An afternoon nap wraps up their busy day. Parents may choose enrollment of 2 or 3 days per week.

**The Three Year Old Class (8:1)** is for children turning 3 by December 31st.

Children in this class must be in pull-ups/training pants and actively potty training at home. This class will have daily rest times.

Social-emotional development is the focus in this class. Children in this class are moving from parallel play to cooperative play. A consistent daily schedule and engaging centers provide opportunities for teachers to model appropriate social interactions between children.

In this class children participate in large and small group activities. These activities are hands on and developmentally appropriate Handwriting Without Tears lessons. Various themes will be a weekly part of the 3 year old class to engage the children in science and social studies. Special activity classes such as Music, Bible and Story Time are provided each week. Twice a month, children will be enriched by STEM classes with Miss Rebecca from the Busy Beetle. Parents may choose enrollment of 2 or 3 days per week.

**The PreK Prep Class (8:1)** is for children who are 3 by September 1st.

Children in this class must be fully toilet trained.

In this classroom, learning is facilitated and encouraged through all avenues. Lessons, activities and centers will reach a wide range of children with kinesthetic, auditory and visual learning styles.

Pre-K Prep uses a daily schedule taken from Highscope curriculum. This class has six instructional periods per week: two per day. Instruction times include literacy (both phonics and handwriting) as well as math, science, and social studies. Science and social studies themes are incorporated throughout the classroom using rotated centers. Class rest times will be given if needed.

Children learn best through play. Our PreK Prep class is set up to focus on and facilitate play, sensory exploration, self-help skills and discovery.

In the PreK Prep class, we encourage independence, self-help skills and cooperative play with others. Throughout the year this class will work on mastering these skills.

Special activity classes such as Music, Bible and Story Time are provided each week. Twice a month children will be enriched by STEM classes with Miss Rebecca from the Busy Beetle.

A full three day enrollment is required for this class.

**The PreK Class (10:1)** is for children who are **at least** 4 by September 1.

Children in this class must be fully toilet trained.

In this classroom, learning is facilitated and encouraged through all avenues. Lessons, activities, and centers will reach a wide range of children with kinesthetic, auditory, and visual learning styles.

Pre-K uses a daily schedule taken from Highscope curriculum. This class has six instructional periods per week: two per day. Instruction times include literacy (both phonics and handwriting) as well as math, science, and social studies. Science and social studies themes are incorporated throughout the classroom using rotated centers.

Children learn best through play. Our PreK class is set up to focus on and facilitate play, sensory exploration, self-help skills, and discovery.

In the PreK class we encourage independence, self-help skills and cooperative play with others. Children are responsible for their own learning materials and belongings. Each day starts with daily tasks such as hanging backpacks, preparing workspace, and checking in.

Special activity classes such as Music, Bible and Story Time are provided each week. Twice a month children will be enriched by STEM classes with Miss Rebecca from the Busy Beetle.

A full three day enrollment is required for this class.