

THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The philosophy of The Creative Curriculum is that young children learn best by doing. The Creative Curriculum is built on theories of development in young children, believing that all children learn through active exploration of their environment and therefore the environment plays a critical role in learning. The goal of the Creative Curriculum is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive and enthusiastic learners by actively exploring their environment.

The curriculum identifies goals in all areas of development: Social/Emotional, Cognitive, Physical and Literacy. The planned activities for the children, the organization of the environment, the selection of toys and materials, planning the daily schedule and interacting with the children, are all designed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the curriculum and give your child a successful year in school.

The Creative Curriculum shows teachers how to integrate learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts, throughout the day. It also gives the teacher a wide range of teaching strategies - from child initiated learning to teacher-directed approaches - to the best response to children's learning styles, strengths, and interests.

The staff in our Preschool Transition Program build the curriculum for their children around the environment using various learning centers:

- Dramatic Play
- Blocks
- Manipulatives/Table toys
- Library
- Art
- Music
- Science Area
- Sand/Water

In the Creative Curriculum for Preschoolers, learning happens through studies. Studies, which span several weeks, are in-depth, project based investigations of topics that are part of your child's everyday life. They feature topics such as trees, building, clothes, and balls. In a study, teachers introduce the topic to the children and based on their questions related to the topic, children find answers by exploring, experimenting and investigating hands-on through activities that take place in the classroom and at times outside the classroom as well. Teachers will follow the lead of the children and pursue the investigations within each study thus promoting the love of learning.