



## Discovery Village Academy Curriculum

*At Discovery Village Academy, we feel that it is our privilege to serve your family. We are committed to providing the very best classes, teachers, and learning environment. We welcome children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old.*

### **3 Year Old Program**

Who, what, where, and why? These are the questions our youngest children are asking about their world. Our curriculum is designed to benefit the “whole child”- intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally. We believe children learn best through play. During our daily schedule, it is our job to set the stage for age appropriate activities, that children LOVE to do – art, puzzles, manipulative toys, blocks, and dramatic play.

Some of the skills covered are -

- Name recognition
- Gross motor skills
- Participation in circle time activities
- Learning patience and taking turns
- Fine motor skills – holding crayons and scissors correctly
- Introduction to letters, colors, numbers, shapes
- Learning to share
- Develop friendships
- Learn to work out disagreements with problem solving and compromise
- Enhance and refine motor skills
- Feel secure in a school environment
- Have good feelings about her/himself
- Grow in self confidence
- Understand that mistakes are an acceptable part of the learning process

Our 3 year old Daily Class Schedule is as follows :

- 9:00-9:25 am - Arrival & Morning Work
- 9:25-9:45 am - Calendar, Pledge, Weather, Counting, Reading

- 9:45-10:00 am - Snack Time
- 10:00-10:30 am - Recess / Bathrooms
- 10:30-11:15 am - Themed Story, Art, Teacher Lessons
- 11:15-11:30 am - Clean Up, Music, Wash Hands
- 11:30-12:00 pm - Lunch
- 12:00-12:10 pm - End of Day Reading and Pack-Up
- 12:10-12:30 pm - End of Day Recess
- 12:35-12:45 pm - Dismissal

### **4 Year Old Program**

In our four year old program we provide exposure to the skills which are the foundation to be successful in kindergarten. Learning should be fun! We incorporate language development, vocabulary, science, critical thinking and listening skills, phonics, math and writing skills.

Some of the skills introduced are:

- Introduction to phonetics of alphabet letters
- Review of colors
- Fine motor skills – cutting, holding crayons and pencils
- Gross motor skills
- Critical thinking and listening skills
- Language interaction
- Simple problem solving
- Self help skills
- Conceptual skills – patterning, graphing, measuring, sequencing
- Rhyming words
- Directional/positional words
- Body parts
- Large and small group activities
- Awareness of the world around us
- Responsibility
- Social Skills
- Learning to share
- Develop friendships
- Learn to work out disagreements with problem solving and compromise
- Enhance and refine motor skills
- Feel secure in a school environment
- Have good feelings about her/himself
- Grow in self confidence
- Understand that mistakes are an acceptable part of the learning process

Our 4 year old Class Schedule is as follows :

- 8:45-9:30 am - Arrival & Morning Work
- 9:30-10:00 am - Calendar, Weather, Pledge, Reading
- 10:00-10:15 am - Snack Time
- 10:15-11:00 am - Centers & Group Instruction
- 11:00-11:45 am - Recess
- 11:45-11:55 am - Storytime / Reading
- 11:55-12:20 pm - Lunch
- 12:20-12:45 pm - End of Day Reading, Music, Games, Etc.
- 12:45-1:00 pm - Dismissal

### **Transitional Kindergarten – 5 Year Old Program**

This Transitional Kindergarten class (TK) is for children who have usually turned five before March 31st of the current school year; exceptions are made of course. Some children need an extra year before heading to kindergarten, or some just need that more structured schedule and therefore they decide to do the TK program. We feel that families with children who have late birthdays after August 31st, or those who would like to give their child that extra year, will enjoy knowing there is a class that provides a comprehensive kindergarten ready curriculum that meets the needs of the five year old!

Some of the skills introduced are:

- Letter Recognition
- Letter Sounds
- Learning to sound out word
- Beginning Sight Word reading
- Writing Skills
- Reading Comprehension
- Number Recognition
- Counting 1-100
- Counting by 5's & 10's
- Beginning Addition/Subtraction
- Sequencing
- Patterns
- Rhyming
- Opposites
- Seasonal Concepts
- Social Skills
- Shapes
- Colors
- Science Experiments
- Spanish Introduction
- Social Studies lessons/Geography

- Sharing
- Develop friendships
- Learn to work out disagreements with problem solving and compromise
- Enhance and refine motor skills
- Feel secure in a school environment
- Have good feelings about her/himself
- Grow in self confidence
- Understand that mistakes are an acceptable part of the learning process

Our TK Daily Class Schedule is as follows :

- 8:45-9:30 am - Arrival & Morning Work
- 9:30-9:50 am - Calendar, Pledge, Weather, Counting, Reading
- 9:50-10:10 am - Snack Time
- 10:10-10:30 am - Specials - Social Studies, Nature, Spanish, Science
- 10:30-11:15 am - Daily Lesson
- 11:15-11:40 am - Recess
- 11:40-12:10 pm - Lunch
- 12:10-12:30 pm - End of Day Reading, Music, Games, Etc.
- 12:30-12:45 pm - End of Day Recess
- 12:45-1:00 pm - Dismissal

**All classes participate in our weekly nature lessons (fall & spring seasons) as well as our monthly Leader In Me lessons.**

During the school year we have several special occasions for parents to participate at school:

- Monthly visits from the Mecklenburg County Librarian
- Cornelius Fire Department Visits
- Field Trips to Patterson Farms & Zootastic Park
- Halloween Celebrations
- Winter Parties
- Dental Health Month
- Valentine's Celebrations
- St. Patrick's Celebrations
- Spring Celebrations
- Spring Fair
- Graduation
- Year End School Wide Celebrations