



Thumbelina Nursery & K.G. School

Pioneers in Pre-School Education

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Thumbelina ! Thank you for inquiring with us for your child's admission.

With Preschools today, being as diverse as our children themselves, it will take a lot more than simply surfing a few websites or speaking over the phone to make the crucial decision of **when** and **where** to enroll your child.

The foundation of early childhood learning is built on **trusting relationships** that are nurtured by good educators in an immersive environment that is safe & secure, clean, organized, professional and educational.

Positive relationships can be hard to define, but are easy to see.

We welcome you to visit our preschool along with your child. As learning during the pandemic has shifted 'online', while you may not have the opportunity to meet our educators, observe our children or personally speak with a few parents whose children are presently enrolled with us, we still be able to help you make some key observations by viewing a few videos of how well we have been able to stimulate our children through our unique **Blended Remote Learning** approach and help them stay on their developmental track despite all the challenges thrown at us by Covid-19. We're confident you'll feel convinced about your child being assured of a positive early childhood care and education experience with us.

Come, share with us your goals and priorities and we'll be happy to tell how best we'll cater to the specific needs of your family and child.

The information given below will help you know more about who we are and why we're the most preferred choice of parents when it comes to preschool education in Ahmedabad city.

Best regards,

Perin Lalkaka, Founder

Firdaus Lalkaka, Administrator.

Our Mission Statement :

"To lay in a firm foundation for life and develop school readiness in every child by igniting their curiosity to explore, discover and learn based on robust developmental evidence amidst a safe, secure and immersive environment."



Where your child is the focus of everything we do !

PRIVILEGED TO HAVE TAUGHT THREE GENERATIONS



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Why Choose us ? :

Findings show that children who attend high quality preschool programs are more successful in their lives than those who do not. Being equipped with better socio-emotional skills, superior pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies and stronger basic math skills, such children display **better school readiness** while commencing elementary school.

Since its inception in 1974, Thumbelina's **High Quality Early Childhood Program** has focused on ensuring all-round development in children; something, that is now being stressed on and recognized in the National Education Policy 2020 ! Here's what makes us the **most admired** preschool :

- Thumbelina is a **child-centric** preschool where **child safety is our TOP priority**. Nothing reassures a mother more than her child being safe and secure with us !
- As nothing in the world inspires children to learn more than the prospect of play, Thumbelina leverages "**Play with a Purpose**" as its pedagogy and uses developmentally appropriate activities to inspire children to **explore, discover and develop a joy for learning** in a structured setting with ample opportunity for play amidst a safe and immersive environment.
- In addition to helping our children develop their language, writing and numeracy skills, we strive to build a strong foundation for life by developing their social and emotional skills. This helps our children gain a better sense of self, develop positive attitudes, communicate better, be respectful towards others, build friendships, take initiative, perform tasks independently, become more confident and solve problems themselves instead of asking mummy to step in.
- Being a Montessori-trained educator possessing 60+ years of experience in Early Childhood Care and Education has enabled Ms. Perin Lalkaka, the founder of Thumbelina, to design and develop her own proprietary E.C.C.E program based on robust developmental evidence to enable children master their foundational skills in a stress-free manner as they progress through each stage of their development. Further, having been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by Eklavya Education Foundation in 2009, bears testimony to her contribution in the field of preschool education.
- Educators at Thumbelina undergo 3 years of intensive hands-on 'in-house' training in E.C.C.E. before being entrusted the responsibility of mentoring children. All our educators are calm, courteous, loving and patient with our children; educators who do not yell, cluck their tongues or roll their eyes at children. Our team of dedicated educators have been with Thumbelina for anywhere between 10 to 34 years. It is primarily this aspect which inspires confidence in parents about their children being assured of a positive early childhood care and education experience with us!
- Thumbelina strictly adheres to the age criteria norms set by the government in true letter and spirit and does not admit under-age children to a higher section.
- Thumbelina is **the only preschool that conducts counseling sessions to guide parents** on elementary school options that caters to the specific needs of their family and provides the best fit for their child.
- We focus on building a foundation for life and develop school readiness in our children. This helps them seamlessly transition into an elementary school.
- It is indeed a matter of great pride to observe our children being welcomed and appreciated by the most reputed elementary schools across the world.

Make the RIGHT CHOICE...
give your child the Thumbelina edge,
...because childhood comes only once !



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Here's why parents feel convinced about their child being assured of a positive early childhood experience with us!:

Safety First, Last and ALWAYS ! :

- Controlled entry & exit
- Strict pick-up and drop rules
- S.O.P.s for emergencies
- On-site person qualified in First-Aid
- 24X7 Security & CCTV Surveillance
- Fire Safety & Electrical Safety
- Name-Cards for Students and Staff

Our Health & Hygiene initiatives :

- Spotlessly clean premises
- Clean toys and play equipment
- Clean and separate toilets for boys & girls
- Water Cooler cleaned every week
- Water tanks cleaned every 3 months
- Clean drinking water served in disposable glasses
- Fresh & Nutritious meals (Jain food too!)
- Free Dental check-up

A well organized and immersive environment :

- At Thumbelina, you'll find a place for everything and everything in its place!
- 5000 sq. ft. of open area for children to play
- A 700 sq. ft. Multi-Purpose Hall
- High Quality Teaching-aids
- Audio-visual equipment
- Clutter-free classrooms

Professional & Educational :

- Striving to build a strong foundation for life and developing school readiness in every child amidst a safe, secure and immersive environment.
- Founded by a Montessori-trained Educator having 60+ years of experience.
- A team of passionate Educators who are loving, caring and have tons of patience.
- We leverage "Play with a Purpose" as our pedagogy as nothing in the world inspires children to learn more than the prospect of play.
- We expose children to developmentally appropriate experiences to inspire them to explore, discover and develop a joy for learning.



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Here's what we did in 2020, to help our children "thrive" rather than simply "survive"!

Based on our experience, we knew what was crucial for children :

Neuroscience has proven that 90% of the brain development occurs within the first 5 years of a child's life. It is during these formative 'golden window' years that children build their foundation for life. It is therefore, most crucial to provide children an environment that is structured, safe, secure and immersive as well as to ignite their curiosity to explore, discover and develop a joy for learning by continuously exposing them to developmentally-appropriate experiences.

The concerns which got us thinking! :

When the Indian government initially announced a 21-day country-wide lockdown in the last week of March 2020, Thumbelina was amongst the handful of preschools to realize it quite early on, that something had to be urgently done to safeguard children against developing feelings of neglect and negativity while they remained cooped up indefinitely at home as well as, to quickly up-skill ourselves to offer an efficacious alternative to 'classroom-based' learning in the event an extended lockdown, to ensure 'continuity of learning' for our children as otherwise, they were sure to grow up with a few life and learning deficits!

Here's how we made it happen! :

As the imposition of the lockdown was coinciding with the onset of the summer vacation, although no parent expected preschools to do anything for children, Thumbelina took the initiative of keeping children 'happily engaged' and 'continuously connected' with their educators and peers throughout the summer vacation months by sending out short videos. Our educators told them stories, sang rhymes, played games, shared art & craft activities, encouraged them to help their mummy around the house, explained what Covid-19 was and why they couldn't go out of their homes, etc.. While seeing their children happy, made their parents happy too, observing children responding positively to our efforts at stimulating them remotely, raised our confidence at helping them stay on their developmental track through 'online' sessions. So, when we introduced them to our proprietary **Blended Remote Learning** approach in June 2020, to ensure continuity of their learning, **the transition for our children was seamless !** The other factor that greatly contributed to our success was maintaining a constant connect with our parents to address their concerns and apprehensions and mentoring them every step of the way to help them understand 'their role' in supporting the continuity of learning for their children.

The moment of truth :

When we conducted our children's half-yearly assessment in the month of November 2020, their parents were pleasantly surprised and relieved to observe with their own eyes how much their children had grasped and learnt. This was their moment of truth ! Seeing their children **"thrive"** rather than simply **"survive"** made our parents feel happy for their children and fortunate for having reposed faith in Thumbelina rather than having chosen to postpone enrolling their children in 2020 like most other parents had done !

Our game-plan for 2021 to support children :

To support children who skipped attending preschool in 2020 **recoup their 'learning losses'** and **smoothly transition** back on their developmental track from 2021, Thumbelina has already come up with a PLAN ! The only concern troubling most parents today is, **"Will my little child be able to sit before a screen and learn happily ?"** Well, we confidently say, **"Yes!"** And, if you're still thinking, **"But what if my child doesn't ?"** Well, if you fail to see your child responding to our online remedial sessions before commencement of the 2021 academic year, **we'll be happy to REFUND you the full fees paid by you before 15th June, 2021!**

We are confident you will not want your child to lose out on such a wonderful opportunity. Wishing your child a bright and happy childhood.

Best regards,

Firdaus Lalkaka
Administrator.