



Pre-K Kids Learning Center Inc.

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Curriculum Statement

Pre-K Kids Learning Center's program is designed to meet the developmental needs of children from infancy to Pre-School.

Our Philosophy

As a child learning facility, Pre-K Kids' provides a nurturing and caring environment which also meets the foundations for educational experiences. We operate on the premise, that Early Childhood experiences shape learning but also has an enduring and profound impact upon the future of each child.

Young children who experience healthy social / emotional contacts, diverse learning experiences and knowledgeable care givers usually excel in growth and development. Children are viewed as unique individuals with many abilities and interests. Pre-K Kids offers many opportunities to grow the creative child but also socially, emotionally and cognitively.

Curriculum

We have adopted *Creative Curriculum* as our curriculum, a developmentally appropriate support for active learning and promoting children's progress in all developmental areas. Creative Curriculum creates a high-quality learning environment that enables every child to become a creative and confident thinker.

Learning Standards

The **Learning Center** provides many experiences in multiple disciplines which are aligned in our Creative Curriculum with the PA Early Learning Standards:

PA Early Learning Standards

- *Approaches to Learning through Play*
- *Creative Thinking & Expression*
- *Mathematical Thinking & Expression*
- *Social & Emotional Development*
- *Scientific Thinking and Technology*
- *Social Studies Thinking*
- *Health, Wellness & Physical Development*
- *Language & Literacy Development*
- *Partnerships for Learning*

Teachers' Role

The teacher is responsible for delivering curriculum that meets the needs of each individual child in their classroom. We ensure that Pre-K Kids Learning Center is committed to ongoing professional development through trainings, staff meetings, and ongoing individual coaching and mentoring.

Classroom Experiences

Teachers help the children learn by using discovery centers, defined in the curriculum and through best practices in the field, that are designed to allow children to learn while they play and explore. Each classroom has materials for all children to actively engage in their environment. These materials are carefully selected to meet quality standards for early childhood programs. Teachers also prepare some small group instruction, particularly around language, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Assessment

The teachers begin by observing and assessing each child's development by using Ages and Stages. *Teaching Strategies Gold* is then used to document the children's learning progress. These assessments happen during exploratory play and small group activities, implemented in the classroom lesson plans.