

Early Childhood - Three Year Old Class

The following skills are not intended for mastery. For the three-year-old, the intent is to expand oral-language development and to build an awareness that prepares the child for success during the next several years.

Oral-Language Development

- Builds vocabulary
- Uses grammatical language structure
- Participates in class discussion
- Retells a personal story
- Develops concept awareness
- Recognizes/uses spatial terms

Listening

- Develops listening comprehension
- Follows oral directions
- Participates in rhyming activities

Alphabet Knowledge

- Recognizes print in the environment
- Recognizes and names the first letter of own name
- Attempts writing

Phonological Awareness

- Distinguish when two words rhyme
- Distinguish when two words begin with the same sound

Story Knowledge

- Shows an interest in books and reading
- Handles books appropriately
- Interprets pictures
- Connects stories to own life

Art and Music

- Develops imagination and creativity
- Appreciates art and music
- Participates in art, music, and movement activities
- Participates in dramatic play

Math and Science

- Recognizes colors
- Counts by rote to 5 or more
- Counts objects to 5 or more
- Recognizes shapes (circle, square, triangle)
- Begins to differentiate between sizes (big, little)
- Explores weather, seasons, bodies, health/safety, animals, nature

Physical and Social Development

- Develops positive self-image
- Shares, takes turns, and plays with others
- Follows rules and routines
- Works/plays independently

Small-Motor Skills

- Experiments with crayons, markers, play dough, paintbrushes
- Manipulates small objects
- Participates in fingerplays

Large-Motor Skills

- Runs, marches
- Jumps
- Throws and catches
- Dances