



Pre-K Peep

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WHAT'S PRE-K

Pre-K programs are designed to ready your child for kindergarten.

The 6 Domains that the teachers will focus on are as follows: Cognitive, Social Emotional, Literacy, Math, Physical, and Language

They will be learning through hands-on thematic activities.

Feel free to contact your future Pre-K teacher for more ideas or resources. Enjoy this time of learning!



A TYPICAL DAY IN PRE-K!

A typical day in Pre-K will include time spent in each of the following areas:

- Gross and Fine Motor Skills: Playing outside (when weather cooperates) or in the gym, improving coordination, balancing, running, skipping, catching, and social skills.
- Reading Aloud: Developing reading skills and literary confidence through listening, reading, and writing, either individually or as a whole group.
- Center/Choice Time: Learning independence and decision-making skills by working independently on various art and reading projects.
- Class Meeting: Coming together as a community for activities such as letters knowledge, reading, music, stories, and math to strengthen social skills and academics through group learning.
- Small Group: Spending time with the teacher one-on-one or in a small group to allow for guided practice opportunities primarily in reading and math.
- Meal Time: Cultivating healthy eating habits and reaffirming social skills with discussions around the table.

Activities for You and Your Child



READING

- Read books each night with your child.
 - Create a special time.
 - Read daily.
 - Ask your child if they liked the book.
 - Talk about favorite books.
 - Tell your child that story time is your favorite time.
- Build vocabulary
 - Constantly name all objects
 - Describe what you are doing when you are beading, cooking, cutting firewood, etc.
- Use different voices when reading
- Read nursery rhymes
- Stop and put the book away when your child is tired.

PRE-WRITING

- Play with play-dough or clay.
- Have your child pick up tiny items like beans or peas.
 - Pinch the item with the thumb and pointer finger.
 - Have your child use tweezers to pick up the items.
- Teach your child to bead.
- Have them practice using scissors.
- Spread some cornmeal, flour, etc. in a cookie sheet to have your child draw in it.
- Use clothes pins to clip things: clothes, paper, etc.



MATH



- Practice counting to 10
- Sing counting songs like the *The Ants Go Marching One by One*
- Compare items to see if they are alike or different.
 - Sort items like different beans or leaves.
- Talk about circles, squares, triangle, and rectangles.
 - Ask questions like...What shape is the clock?
 - Sort shapes.
- Have your child count their snacks.
 - Ask. How many would be on the plate if you gave them one more? Then, place it on the place. Count together if needed.
 - Ask. How many would be on the plate if you ate two crackers? Then, count the crackers after eating two.
 - Ask. What shape is this cracker?
- Play with puzzles.
- Teach sequencing by having your child follow a recipe, like making a sandwich. Talk about the different steps.