

## 3 YEAR CURRICULUM

### Emotional Growth

- Provide a safe, healthy and secure environment away from home
- Provide a welcoming atmosphere of joy and warmth for the child
- Provide a nurturing atmosphere and become a significant, consistent adult in child's life
- Create an environment that encourages curiosity, discovery and exploration
- Provide experiences that will increase child's positive self-image, sense of competence and pride in accomplishments
- Provide experiences to develop qualities of responsibility, initiative and independence
- Provide opportunities to increase attention span, including practice working independently, sitting still, concentrating, following directions and persevering until a task is finished

### Cognitive Growth

- Provide learning activities in literacy
  - receptive language
  - expressive language
  - pre-writing activities using crayons, pencils, pens, markers, finger paints and water paints with small brushes
  - visual discrimination through matching, finding hidden objects, sequencing activities and color naming
  - introductory activities for letter recognition
- Provide concrete activities in pre-math and logical thinking skills
  - sorting, classifying and matching patterns
  - sequencing and recalling sequence of events
  - counting
  - one-to-one correspondence
  - beginning number recognition
  - memory skills
- Provide learning experiences in science
  - growing and the care of living things
  - cooking activities
  - gathering and collecting things from nature
  - simple experiments
- Provide a wide range of art and music activities
- Facilitate creative and make-believe play
  - with objects
  - about situations
  - assuming pretend roles
  - interacting with other children

### Social Growth

- Encourage building friendships among all class members
- Encourage sharing and taking turns

- Encourage and model understanding and respecting differences
- Encourage child to accept responsibility for maintaining classroom environment
- Encourage child to work cooperatively with others
- Encourage child to resolve conflicts constructively
- Provide child opportunities to practice thoughtfulness and giving

#### Physical Growth

- Provide opportunities for large muscle development, muscle and limb control
- Provide opportunities for small muscle development
- Provide opportunities to develop spatial skills, hand-eye coordination, balance and coordination
- Encourage good habits of health and safety

#### Spiritual Growth

While Bella Bee Academy maintains a non-faith based environment, we teach the following rules of life and good citizenship:

- Encourage and model showing love for one another
- Guide in development of ecological values and concern for our world
- Help children recognize differences and likenesses in people and show acceptance
- Provide learning experiences about each holiday
- Introduce rituals of thankfulness and concern