

Four Year Old Curriculum

Emotional Growth

- Provide a safe, healthy and secure environment away from home
- Provide a welcoming 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
- Provide opportunities for responsibility for completion of weekly homework lessons

Cognitive Growth

- Provide learning activities in literacy, language arts and math
 - receptive language
 - expressive language
 - creative writing activities using crayons, pencils, pens, markers, finger paints and water paints with small brushes
 - visual discrimination through matching, finding hidden objects, and sequencing
 - letter recognition
 - recognizing each letter in print
 - understanding the letter sound
 - finding the letter in the environment
 - expanding on letters in stories and vocabulary
 - proper letter formation in print
 - ability to properly write own name
 - Number recognition
 - Rote counting to 25
 - writing and understanding the numbers up to 25
 - beginning understanding numbers on the number line
 - correspondence counting and number meaning
 - graphing
 - patterning
 - 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
- Encourage child to take responsibility for own actions
- Encourage expressive language over physical confrontation

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 the differences and likenesses in people and show acceptance
- Provide learning experiences about each holiday
- Introduce rituals of thankfulness and concern