

# Pre-Kindergarten 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 practicing working independently, sitting still, concentrating, following directions and persevering until a task is finished
- Provide opportunities for responsibility for completion of multiple homework lessons per week

## Cognitive Growth

- Provide learning activities in literacy, language arts and math
  - receptive language
  - expressive language
  - creative writing prompts 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 and sounding out the letter sound
    - finding each letter in the environment
    - expanding on letters in stories and vocabulary
    - proper letter formation in print
    - ability to properly write own name
  - Beginning experiences of setting and characters in literature
  - Beginning experiences of Pre-K/K "sight words"
  - number recognition
    - Rote counting to 50
    - writing and understanding the numbers up to 50
    - refining understanding numbers on the number line
    - correspondence counting and number meaning
    - graphing with understanding and meaning
    - 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
  - charted 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
- Prepare child for future classroom independence

#### 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