



## A "BIRDS EYE" View of Curriculum

### **Kindergarten:**

**READING:** Our Kindergarten program offers a strong phonics based reading curriculum, using Modern Curriculum Press Phonics workbook in conjunction with Emerging Reader books. We use Guided Reading Leveled Readers to foster independent readers and a love of literacy. Our curriculum also provides writing skills using journals, story writing and response writing. Whole Language experience charts provide numerous opportunities for children to connect the spoken and written word. Dolch Sight word lists are used to increase reading fluency.

**HANDWRITING:** With an emphasis on Handwriting without Tears, our handwriting program is simple and developmentally based. Multisensory lessons teach proper positioning of handwriting.

**MATH:** Math Their Way, our math curriculum, which provides a strong, sound approach to mathematical concepts. The "hands on learning" helps children understand concepts easily. Computational math, as well as graphs, measurement, complex patterns, time, fractions and money are also integral parts of this program.

### **Young Five's**

Our Young 5's program is tailored to meet the needs of the older four or younger five year old student. It is a Pre-Kindergarten class encompassing all of the skills found in our below described Pre-K curriculum. Young 5 classes foster the maturity of each student by teaching concepts through a "work job" approach. This fosters student responsibility and independence, which is a key component in our Young 5's program.

### **Pre-K:**

**READING READINESS:** Our Pre K program uses a letter based reading program which is a strong Phonics based readiness program. Animal Island introduces the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet to the children. Through the adventures of various animals, the children eagerly move on to Letters and Sounds and Storybook Land. Predictable books and emerging readers bring prereading success as children master decoding techniques and begin comprehension skills. Common sight words are also introduced.

**HANDWRITING:** Handwriting is taught in our Pre-K and Young 5's classes. Beginning with strengthening and toning finger muscles they move on to practicing eye-hand coordination and visual tracking. The children learn correct positioning and methods of handwriting. The Handwriting Without Tears program provides the basis for our Handwriting curriculum using multisensory lessons to teach to all learning styles.

**MATH:** Developmental Learning Systems program, "Under Construction," offers a strong, sequential beginning of mathematical concepts to young children. Using a hands on approach with a variety of manipulatives, patterning, graphing, place value and counting, adding on / taking away, and measurements are presented throughout the year.

### **Young Four Year olds**

Our Young 4's program is a hands on learning curriculum which includes activities that provide for social skills and independence. Social Maturity is a key component of this class. Auditory and visual memory skills are practiced. Many opportunities for fine and gross motor skills are made available. Pre-reading and pre-writing skills will be taught using Animal Island, a phonetic based program.

### **Three Year Olds**

Our 3 year old programs offer a wide variety of experiences directed toward social skills, language development, listening skills, sensory perception and gross motor development. Our curriculum includes many hands on activities for developing fine motor skills. We use all forms of art media, music, games, finger play, and literature experiences. Exposure to basic shapes, colors, letters, numbers and scissor skills are all taught.

### **Young Three Year Olds**

Our Young 3's class is a stepping stone for some older two's and into the three year old skills. Language skills are enhanced and attention span skills are lengthened. Fine motor skills such as scissor cutting, stringing beads, manipulating play dough are practiced. Pre-Reading skills such as asking questions, recognizing colors and sorting objects are some examples of the skills taught.

### **Two Year Olds**

Our two year old program offers many new experiences geared toward the critical stages of early development. Verbal communication, auditory and visual discrimination, and hands on play experiences are abundant. The curriculum includes many forms of art, music, storytelling, and play time. With love and praise, our two year old teachers help facilitate the wonderment of first time school experiences.

## **Enrichment Classes**

**MUSIC** is an integral part of the school program. Through songs, dance and rhythm instruments, the children learn enjoyment of the Arts. Music is offered four days a week – Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday.

**STORYTELLING** provides drama and literature experiences to all preschool classes on Wednesdays.

**CHAPEL** is presented by the Pastor and/or Associate Pastor of Kingswood UMC. Within this schedule, classes attend chapel twice a month.

**MOVEMENT** exercises are offered weekly through Busy Bodies.

**SPANISH** is taught to our 3's through Kindergarten classes.

**GAMES GALORE** is taught to our Pre-K and Kdg. It is a fast-paced, fun and friendly program providing activities and games that promote cooperation and teamwork.