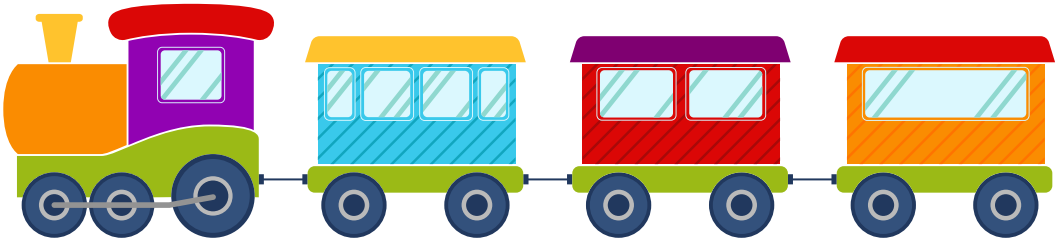

HILLSIDE PRESCHOOL 3S CLASS OVERVIEW

Welcome to our 3's program! Threes are a wonderful age which they will experience a year full of excitement as they explore, express and question with endless curiosity!

How do we do that?

Learning Centers:

We use our learning centers to learn through play. Children explore math, beginning language arts, social skills, language, creativity, team building and build fine and gross motor skills! Centers are designed to be fun and engaging for the children and are frequently changed.

Potty Training:

Potty training is not required but is encouraged. A child size toilet in the classroom bathroom promotes independence and easy potty training.

Circle Time:

We also have lessons during circle time to introduce letters, numbers, shapes, colors, weather, the calendar, Pledge of Allegiance, classroom jobs and monthly themes through stories, songs and props.

Seatwork:

Children sit at the table to do a worksheet which reinforces the lesson from circle time. We encourage correct pencil grip for successful fine motor development and an opportunity to practice following directions.

Each child will have a tote bag and a folder. Returning students please use your tote from the previous year. Please check it every day for important information, papers, crafts, and read-at-home books. Please put your child's name in everything that comes to school. Please DO NOT send in tuition payments in the tote bag! Use the Brightwheel app or place payment in the lock box outside the main entrance.

Birthdays:

Birthdays will be celebrated in the classroom with a special snack sent in by you. Birthday snack dates are assigned. Look for the Birthday paper in the back-to-school packet. Please send in prepackaged treat only (NUT FREE). Home Birthday party invitations may be sent in the tote bags ONLY if everyone in the class is invited.

Pictures & Curriculum:

We will be posting classroom pictures taking during the course of the day in our Brightwheel app. The office will share digital copies of our class calendar on Brightwheel. These are an overview of what your child will be learning each month.

Hillside Preschool Curriculum in Accordance with the Early Childhood Expectations in the State of New Jersey

Our 3-year-old Students Curriculum covers the following:

Introduction to classroom structure & expectations: classroom rules, manners, & respect.

Weekly Themed Lessons are taught through a variety of methods

- Bible stories
- Basic shapes
- All colors
- Number counting 1-50 and Numbers 1-25
- Simple math skills - sequence, patters, opposites & sizes
- Alphabet - uppercase letters and basic introduction to letter sounds
- Handwriting Without Tears: multisensory approach to beginner handwriting and letter formation
- Introduce a variety of age appropriate stories
- Introduce pencil and proper position to children who have identified primary hand
- Introduce scissor
- Name Identification - First and last names
- Introduce letter formation to children who are ready
- Sign language: simple words
- Spanish: simple words
- Variety of art projects relating to curriculum content, one weekly project, free choice art
- Variety of self-led learning centers and planned play to encourage independent learning
- Variety of fine and gross motor activities
- Social Skills: Social Skills: respecting personal space, sharing, taking turns, teachers heavily narrate & model
- Simple Science Fun!
- Teach & Reinforce 911 and health & safety rules
- Introduce phone number and address

Specials: Chapel, Music, Smart Board & Read-At-Home Book Program

Field Trips: Fall and Spring

Ministry: Create gifts for HARP (Hillside Association for Retired People)

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