



# HILLSIDE PRESCHOOL 4S CLASS OVERVIEW

Welcome to our 4's program! We are excited to begin a fun year of learning through play and exploration.

How do we do that?

## Learning Centers:

We use our learning centers to learn through play. Children explore science, art, math, writing, imaginative play, letter and number recognition and to build fine motor skills! Centers are designed to be fun and engaging for the children and are frequently changed.

## Circle Time:

We also have lessons during circle time to introduce letters, numbers, shapes, colors and monthly themes through stories, songs and props.

## Social Skills:

Learning to be a member of the class is very important. We will work on how to be a kind friend and a good listener in our classroom. We will work on lining up, raising our hands, sharing and taking turns. Independence is encouraged as children clean-up their centers, zip their own coats and put papers in their folders. They are on their way to being kindergarten ready!

## Seatwork:

Children sit at the table to do a worksheet which reinforces the lesson from circle time. This improves their pencil grip, writing skills and ability to follow directions. You may see homework from time to time. These worksheets are optional. If they choose to complete it, send it back in their folder and they will get a sticker.

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 4-year-old Students Curriculum covers the following:

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

Curriculum- taught through a variety of methods!

Bible stories

Weekly Theme is incorporated into all Learning Centers and Projects!

Basic and geometric shapes

Math Skills: sequence, patterns, opposites, simple addition, simple fractions

Numbers: 1-100 (identify) and 1-25 (write); celebrate 100 Day!

Colors: all colors and color blending

Alphabet: upper- and lower-case recognition and formation

Language: letter sounds, sight words, blended sounds, rhyming words

Read Stories: make predictions/identify parts of a book/authors/artists

Pencil Holding: teach & reinforce proper finger grip

Write & identify first and last name

Sign language: simple words

Spanish: simple themed words

Variety of art projects utilizing many different medium- reflective of the class's current theme

Both free choice and planned play activities available to children.

Activities to encourage both fine and gross motor development

Science projects: set up & predictions; insect project: butterflies

Social Skills: encourage positive student interactions through school activities

and learning centers to build confidence and independence

Teach & Review 911, health & safety rules

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

Field Trips: Fall and Spring

Ministry: AM & PM classes - HARP (Hillside Association of Retired People) & Adopt a Soldier

FULL day class - Cards for Shut-Ins, Operation Christmas Child, Adopt a Family In Need, HARP

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