



# Premier Schools

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## Pre-Kindergarten Program

Our Pre-Kindergarten program operates year-round during our normal business hours. Our day begins with a morning circle. During this time the class comes together as a large group to discuss the theme for the week and any daily news that pertains to the class. The students then break up into small groups to plan their activities in the science, math, language/reading, writing, block, art and house area for work time. Individual assignment cards provide children with work at their developmental level. Outside play is then encouraged to develop both large and small motor skills. Both morning and afternoon outside play sessions will consist of running, kicking, throwing, jumping, pedaling, climbing, and exploring nature to its fullest, weather permitting.

Students are served a morning and afternoon snack and a nutritious lunch. Pre-Kindergarteners are required to rest each day after lunch. Children bring a bottom sheet and a light blanket for rest time. Bedrolls and pillows are permitted, along with a soft sleeping buddy. During the first 30 minutes the students listen to a chapter book read aloud then they are required to rest for one hour. Pre-Kindergarteners have a quiet work time after their rest.

Pre-Kindergarten curriculum is based on thematic units determined by the classroom teacher. We continue to provide real life, hands on experience with an increasing emphasis placed on writing and individual assignments. Within the thematic units, we discuss letter recognition, letter sound, spelling, writing, solving math word problems, graphing, science concepts and how the theme relates to the world around us. We use field trips, service projects, cooking projects, art projects, community visitors, and occasional videos to enhance our curriculum. Computers, equipped with age appropriate software and word processing programs, are available for students' daily use. A foreign language class conducted by qualified specialists is offered weekly. Pre-Kindergarteners keep a journal where they practice writing their name, communicate in words and pictures their thoughts and feelings, and respond to in-class questions and ideas. Phonetic spelling is encouraged.

Pre-Kindergarteners perform four programs a year: Father's Feast, December Holiday Concert, Mother's Tea, and year end ceremony in May. They also have three parties a year: Fall Fest, Valentines, and Easter.