

## Welcome to the Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Room

At this age, our teachers focus on encouraging their students to learn by respecting their work, bolstering their self-images, exploring their interests, marveling in their creativity and offering a child-centered classroom. Teachers are trained to help your child safely expand their horizons to seek out information, explore new territory and make sense of all they encounter. We make every effort build a love of learning in these classrooms.

*To join our Preschool Room children must be three years of age and potty trained.*

### 3 Year Old Room

Use their large muscles

Able to engage in self-care activities

- hand washing
- dressing
- toileting

Spend time at tasks they choose

- playing in sand
- building with blocks

Curious

Vocabulary is growing rapidly between 2,000-4,000 words

Listen to longer stories

Pretend to read

Play alongside another child

Friendships are beginning

Share

Wait for turns

Learning to trust

Separation from parents can still be painful

### 4 Year Old Room

- Large muscles skills are more refined
- Small muscles gain coordination

- Able to carry over daily projects
- Enjoy writing for purpose
- Figuring out how things work and fit together
- Extended conversations
- More complex sentences
- Interest in written and spoken language
- Make up stories
- Interest in others
- Strong friendship develop
- Take turns
- Share
- Curious
- Want more responsibility
- Can regulate own behavior
- Can determine what is real and make believe

## Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Room Curriculum

Adapted to the traits and needs of three and four year olds.

A strong Preschool and Kindergarten readiness program Prekindergarten and School Age care is only offered at King Avenue during the school year. This critical time for your child focuses equally on harvesting a child's (1) social development, (2) physical development, (3) emotional development, and (4) cognitive development. Programs helps students to learn to plan and organize as they ready themselves for a school environment. Homework assistance is available for School Agers.

- Teachers assess the development of each child in all areas of development
- Parent-teacher conferences offered once a year
- Based on the Ohio Early Content Standards
- Thoughtfully structured to build on and advance children's confidence
- Well organized in its schedule and physical environments
- Adapted for individual variations
- Flexible
- Structured with a variety of learning centers
- Organized with large and small group times
- Developed with uniquely talented teachers
- One-on-one Tutoring for Pre-Kindergarten children

What is our class schedule?

The classroom schedule for each room is posted on the parent board. Young children need consistency in their routines to feel safe and relaxed throughout the day. We ask parents to bring their children to the center by 9:00AM each day. As part of our daily routine children brush their teeth once a day. There is time for group and individual activities and for gym and playground time. Our most important daily activity is our group time and our reading time which occur every day. Occasionally throughout the school year we will schedule field trips to places related to the contents of the curriculum. During the months of June, July, and August we follow a summer program schedule. Parents will receive a copy of the summer program schedule in early spring each year.

## How do teachers communicate with parents?

There is parent board located in each classroom where parents can find information about the daily activities, special events, snack calendar, sign in/out sheets. Please check the parent board daily. Each child has a designated mail slot. Please check this daily. Each family will receive a monthly snack calendar. Each family will be assigned to bring a snack for the whole classroom each month. Throughout the year, the teachers will write monthly newsletters to families updating them on curriculum topics and special events. We do not send newsletters during our Summer Program. This newsletter will be emailed to all families who have given their email address to be used for communications. For those parents who have not provided an email address, this newsletter will be found in their child's mail slot.

## What special events take place during the year?

In addition to the following events Pre-K students get Tumbling classes in the fall and winter and Summer Camp from June to August!

- Curriculum Night/Fall Open House
- Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Holiday Celebration
- Parent Appreciation Day
- Week of the Young Child
- Mother's Day Lunch
- Father's Day Celebration
- Graduation Day