

# HERITAGE OAK

## Private Education

### *Preschool Curriculum Synopsis*

Heritage Oak preschool offers a high quality early childhood program. We create opportunities for your child to explore their world in new ways as children develop self-confidence, improve coordination, learn complex games, and begin to interact more with their peers. Our environment is safe and nurturing while promoting the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. Our caring and educated teachers weave fun and learning which instills the young learner with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. They also provide plenty of individual attention to support your child's unique needs. The basic skills of listening, following directions and good manners are learned, which helps better prepare children for a smooth entry into our Pre-Kindergarten program.

Our Preschool program introduces language, math, science and social skills in a logical, natural sequence to promote learning one step at a time. Our program provides a rich classroom environment where children are encouraged to explore and are challenged to learn.

*3 year olds learn...*

#### **SOCIAL SKILLS**

- Take turns, cooperate, interact with friends
- Follow directions, make good choices, and display character building traits
- Learn manners and respect for diversity

#### **LANGUAGE AND LITERACY**

- Recognize colors and color words
- Writes first name properly using an uppercase letter at the beginning
- Introduction to the writing process (scribble/drawing)
- Recognizes and writes lowercase letters
- Associates and verbalizes sounds with letters
- Explore characters, story plots, and drama
- Develops an awareness of cause and effect
- Listens to and discusses a variety of literary texts representing diverse cultures
- Demonstrates understanding of literal meaning of a story through questions and comments
- Express creative ideas and talents
- Recalls sequence of events
- Understands the concept of yesterday, today, and tomorrow
- Uses new vocabulary and grammatical construction in own speech
- Discusses character education and word meanings
- Repeats rhyming words
- Understands and follows oral directions

## **MATHEMATICS**

- Recognize and duplicate simple patterns
- Sort by a given attribute
- Recognize, describe, and identify common shapes, including circle, triangle, rectangle, square, heart, star, oval, and diamond
- Describe objects according to size, length, height, and weight
- Work in a group to organize and display data concretely on a graph
- Read and count 0-31 with whole numbers and recognize in meaningful contexts
- Write numerals 0-20
- Create sets with more (less) and equal numbers by matching
- Organize their mathematical thinking in order to use information and present ideas with words, visual, auditory, and displays
- Reason mathematically to evaluate critical thinking skills

## **SCIENCE**

- Explores plants, animals and human life cycles
- Recognizes the needs of living things
- Observes and describes characteristics of non-living things
- Recognizes the five senses and body parts that utilize the five senses
- Recognizes properties such as color, size, shape, state of matter and compares weight, texture, and temperature
- Describes weather
- Becomes aware of and engages in the investigative process
- Describes, compares, sorts and classifies, and orders

## **ART**

- Explore various art techniques
- Trace and copy patterns, shapes, forms
- Express their creativity
- Experiment with colors through painting, coloring and drawing
- Develop fine motor skills

## **PHYSICAL WELLNESS**

- Develop gross motor skills (running, jumping, kicking, catching, & throwing)
- Enhance body control
- Practice coordination skills
- Play and cooperate with others
- Establish good health and nutrition
- Demonstrate balance and coordination

## **MUSIC**

- Use and learn about musical instruments
- Learn how to mimic rhythm and beat
- Listen to and respond to music while developing a love of diverse music

