



HERITAGE OAK

Private Education

Preschool Curriculum Synopsis

Heritage Oak preschool offers a high-quality early childhood program. We create opportunities for children to explore their world in new ways as they develop self-confidence, improve coordination, learn complex games, and begin to interact more with their peers. Our environment is safe and nurturing while promoting optimal physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. Our caring, educated teachers weave together fun with learning, which instills our preschoolers with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. Our teachers also provide plenty of individual attention to support each child's unique needs. The basic skills of listening, following directions, and good manners are learned and practiced, to help 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, and play with friends
- Interact with peers appropriately and listen to teachers
- Follow directions, make good choices, and display character building traits
- Display manners and respect for diversity
- Recognize character education terms and meanings

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- Recognize and name colors
- Write first name properly using an uppercase letter at the beginning and lowercase letters for the remainder
- Recognize and write all uppercase letters using proper pencil grip
- Recognize lowercase letters
- Associate and verbalize sounds with letters
- Identify beginning sounds in words and associate appropriate letter
- Explore parts of a story including characters and plot
- Demonstrate understanding of concepts of print by identifying parts of a book
- Develop an awareness of cause and effect in literature
- Recall a sequence of events and concrete details from stories
- Listen to and discuss a variety of literary texts representing diverse cultures
- Demonstrate understanding of literal meaning of a story through questions and comments
- Express creative ideas through language
- Use new vocabulary and grammatical construction in own speech
- Identify rhyming words and create rhyming pairs
- Understand and follow oral directions
- Reason logically while using critical thinking skills

MATHEMATICS

- Recognize and duplicate simple patterns
- Sort by a given attribute
- Identify objects that do not belong in a set and provide logical reasoning
- 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 with a group to organize and display data concretely on a graph
- Read and count 0-20 with whole numbers and recognize in meaningful contexts
- Write numerals 0-20 and demonstrate knowledge of quantity through one-to-one correspondence
- Create sets with more, less, and equal numbers
- Identify ordinal positions for objects up to 10

- Understand introductory addition concepts
- Organize their mathematical thinking to process information and use in real-life situations
- Reason mathematically while using critical thinking skills

SCIENCE

- Observe and describe characteristics of living and non-living things
- Recognize the needs of living things
- Recognize the five senses and body parts that utilize the five senses
- Recognize properties such as color, size, shape and compares weight, texture, and temperature
- Describe weather
- Describe, compare, sort, classify, and order sets of objects

MUSIC

- Learn how to mimic rhythm and beat
- Recognize differences in tempo and volume
- Listen to and respond to music while developing a love of diverse musical styles
- Perform at monthly musical assemblies

ART

- Express their creativity visually
- Explore various art techniques and mediums
- Experiment with colors through painting, coloring, and drawing
- Develop fine motor skills
- Cut, glue, and paste materials used for art

PHYSICAL WELLNESS

- Improve body control
- Develop gross motor skills (running, jumping, kicking, catching, and throwing)
- Demonstrate balance and coordination
- Establish good health and nutrition