**Creative Learning Preschool and Childcare Center**

Curriculum Overview

**INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Language development is enhanced through:

* Sign Language
* Using verbal skills
* Imitating others through role playing and dramatic play
* Listening to music and singing songs
* Making books and dictating stories

Math skills are being formed while children play, which involve:

* Patterning, sequencing shapes and sizes
* Sorting and categorizing
* Counting and comparing
* Measuring lengths and weight
* Recognizing number symbols and quantity
* Organizing and graphing data

Science concepts are developed by:

* Observing seasonal changes related to weather, plant life, animal behavior and activities of people
* Sorting and categorizing items according to various properties
* Collecting bugs and other small creatures for temporary observation
* Learning basic conservation and respect for nature
* Growing, observing and caring for plants from seed and bulbs
* Discovering how magnets work

World awareness concepts are introduced by:

* Learning about similarities and differences in peers and their families
* Becoming aware of various occupations
* Sharing family traditions
* Experiencing a variety of multi-cultural customs
* Understanding how physically challenged people experience life

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**CREATIVE ART**

Art experience emphasizes the process rather than the product. Plenty of time, space and freedom to work independently help children increase their attention span, improve fine motor skills and have a successful experience.

Art activities incorporate:

* Drawing with crayons, pencils, chalk and markers
* Painting with brushes, feathers, sponges
* Printing with rubber stamps, potato shapes, and utensils
* Sewing with plastic needles, yarn and thread using various materials
* Creating collages with any combination of fabrics, pictures, and 3-dimensional items

**MOTOR SKILLS**

Play time uses open spaces and equipment to building large and small motor development by:

* Throwing and kicking balls
* Scooping and pouring sand
* Blowing bubbles and chasing them across the playground
* Playing simple games
* Hiking and exploring the campus
* Moving to music and playing simple instruments

**CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

Essential life skills are integrated throughout the curriculum:

* Building self-esteem
* Communicating and problem solving
* Implementing creative ideas
* Encouraging responsibility
* Using our imaginations
* Sharing information