

The Pinnacle® Press



Dear Parent:

A new school year is a very exciting time, and we are happy to be sharing this time with you and your family! Providing your child's preschool education is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is our goal to provide the very best quality care and education possible for your child. By working together with you, we can promote his/her healthy growth and development.

In addition to the positive interactions that take place as caregivers meet the immediate needs of the children, we provide a specific curriculum plan that ensures the basic areas of development are addressed with each child. The four-year-olds' curriculum focuses on these areas of individual development for each child:

- Language (using words to communicate)
- Creative Arts (experimenting with a variety of art materials)
- Science/Sensory (learning about our world and using all our senses to do so)
- Dramatic Play (playing house, dressing up, using puppets, etc.)
- Math/Manipulative (using smaller hand muscles to arrange puzzles and other toys)
- Blocks (creating and manipulating with blocks and other materials)
- Music/Movement (singing songs and fostering rhythm)
- Outdoor Learning (organized play for those who desire it)

The classroom will be set up in learning areas or centers that incorporate the areas listed above. Because we know that preschool children learn best at play, frequent changes to the learning center environments will invite the hands-on exploration that is most appropriate for your child at his/her stage of development.

There is an overall theme for each month of our curriculum, with several different weekly units for each theme. Our September theme is "My Wonderful World." Weekly focus units for this month include "I Am Special," "My Family," "My Friends," "My School," and "My Neighborhood."

Our academic focus this month will be on recognizing the letters "M," "D," "F," and "A." We'll also include activities focusing on the shape "circle," the color "blue," and the number "1." These activities are introduced to build a foundation for later learning. Mastery of these concepts should not be expected at this age.

Pinnacle Curriculum also provides the teachers in your child's school with a faith-based focus. Your child will hear Bible stories and learn verses while benefiting from the Christian love and nurturing your child's teacher will provide. Weekly Bible themes help establish a loving, Christian atmosphere in every room in the school.

Remember, older preschoolers love to exercise their expertise at home! Give them some responsibilities to develop their emerging independence. Let them help with the cooking. Measuring and pouring are pre-math and pre-science skills you can sharpen at home. Just be SURE to supervise any cooking activity carefully! Let your preschooler help set the table and fold laundry. Pour on the praise for any effort and you'll be boosting that self-esteem! Compliment your preschooler when you see them practicing behaviors that demonstrate their understanding of this month's character word – respect.

If you have any questions about what we have planned for your child's day, please ask us! Communication between parents and caregivers is critical in enabling us to provide the best possible care and education for your child. We are here for you whenever you need us!

It's going to be an exciting month!

Sincerely,

Four-Year-Olds' Caregiver