

North Fayette Preschool



Four Year Old Program

The four year old program is designed to run as a pre-k and is *best* suited for children who's next educational step is kindergarten. The four's program goal is to prepare each student to be ready to meet the strict expectations and demands of today's kindergarten classroom. In order to meet this goal, the focus is to provide a variety of learning opportunities that are *both* fun and challenging to help expand student skill sets and growth in all areas of development.

Students in either of the 4 year old programs options will attend a 3 hour class period 3 or 4 days per week. The 3-day class has 12 students and the 4-day class has 16 students. Both class options are led by one teacher and one teacher's aide.

Through the use of a structured daily schedule, students are able to gain and improve upon their independence while navigating throughout the learning environment. Student independence also increases by following clear, concise and consistent expectations set in place by the teachers and supported with classroom management plans designed to foster self confidence and positive choices in daily interactions with peers and adults alike. Students develop important listening skills as they are prompted to follow directions while engaging in individual, small and large group activities each class period.

While engaged in a rigorous day, students will still have a dedicated free play/choice time. This provides opportunity to improve upon valuable social skills like cooperation, taking turns, sharing, making choices, and being a good friend. During each class period the students will have a small snack which provides additional opportunities to build social skills like taking turns, conversation, using manners, following directions and cleaning up.

THIS CHART HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE SKILLS & CONCEPTS THE FOUR'S PROGRAM COVERS:

NAMES SKILLS:

- Writing first & last names
- Identification of
- Use of lowercase letters with capital initials

MATH SKILLS:

- Sorting by color/shape/size
- Adding to and creating AB, ABB, ABC patterns

LETTER SKILLS:

- Identification of upper and lowercase letter
- Sound identification
- i.d. beginning/ending sounds
- Proper writing technique

WORD SKILLS:

- i.d of common sight words
- Early reading skills
- i.d./use of rhyming words

NUMBER SKILLS:

- Identification of # 1-20
- Counting groups up to 20
- Proper writing technique

SOCIAL SKILLS:

- Following directions
- Independence
- Positive peer interactions