Curriculum

The curriculum at The Little Schoolhouse for the 3-year-old Dolphins class is play-based and theme-oriented. It is a compilation of curriculum that has been developed by the teachers at The Little Schoolhouse that includes the application of Harcourt’s Pebble Soup curriculum program. Every few weeks we focus on a specific theme, value, letter, shape and number.

This class works through a range of activities that are in line with developmentally appropriate milestones in the Social-Emotional, Physical, Language and Literacy, Mathematics and Reasoning, Science, and Creative areas.

Social Emotional Development focuses on the child’s ability to identify feelings, self-regulate and build relationships. Exercises that reinforce and further explain the value of the month – such as sharing, creating opportunities in the classroom to take turns, and books about friendship such as “Sam Finds a Friend” (Arnold, Tim 2003) are implemented in daily routines.

Physical Development focuses on activities that increase strength, muscle control, coordination and adequate nutrition. A Sports class is held twice per week and provides ample opportunities to enhance gross motor skills. Every day a nutritional snack is provided to reinforce healthy eating habits.

Language and Literacy Development focuses on enhancing listening skills, increasing the ability to connect through speaking, reading and writing. Each day students have supervised access to the library, Story time and opportunities to express themselves through speech during morning and afternoon meetings.

Mathematics and Reasoning Development focuses on the child’s ability to count, create patterns, recognize numbers and shapes, to understand spatial sense and sort items. Number games and Shape Bingo are helpful tools in reinforcing concepts learned during morning and afternoon meetings.

Science Development focuses on developing knowledge of physical sciences, earth and space, and life sciences. Students participate in and observe various science activities including – building a volcano, sensory textures, erosion and the lifespan of a frog.

Creative Development focuses on responding to experiences through expression. Students are given opportunities daily to express themselves through music, dance or yoga, dramatic play and art.

Children and teachers alike have great fun at The Little Schoolhouse. It is a positive and caring environment, an ideal beginning for a lifetime of learning.