


# Kindergarten Parent Orientation





# Early Childhood Education Philosophy

## The kindergarten program:

- ✿ Focuses on language development
- ✿ Promotes an appreciation for diversity
- ✿ Incorporates active learning
- ✿ Provides opportunities for investigation, exploration, and discovery
- ✿ Encourages a positive self-concept
- ✿ Promotes creative expression
- ✿ Fosters positive interaction with others

# Quality Early Childhood Practices

Promote continuous progress and achievement through:

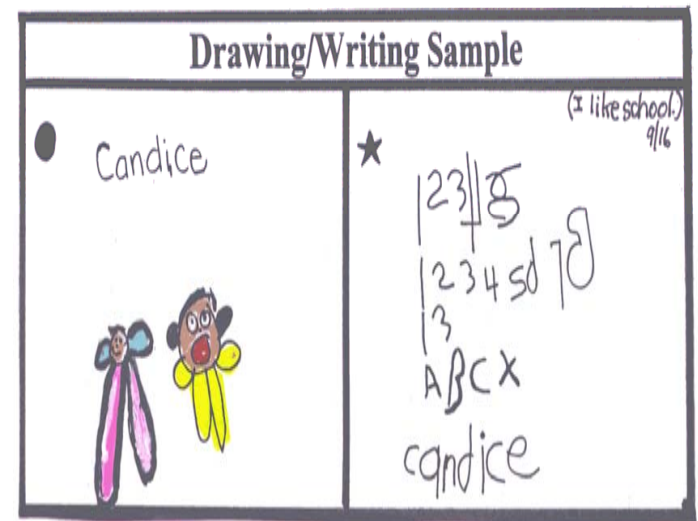
- ✦ Active hands-on learning
- ✦ Age and individually appropriate curriculum and instruction
- ✦ Responsiveness to diversity
- ✦ Assessment
- ✦ Flexible grouping
- ✦ Differentiated instruction
- ✦ Learning stations
- ✦ Opportunities for choice
- ✦ Meaningful and relevant curriculum
- ✦ Safe and supportive classroom environment



# Early Childhood Assessment

Assesses children's knowledge in the areas of:

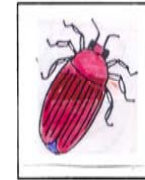
- ✿ Oral Language
- ✿ Reading
- ✿ Writing
- ✿ Mathematics
- ✿ Fine and Gross Motor
- ✿ Drawing/Writing Sample



# Developmental Reading Assessment Word Analysis (DRA2)

Assesses children's knowledge of:

- ✿ Rhyming Words
- ✿ Initial Sounds
- ✿ Words to Talk About Printed Language
- ✿ Upper/Lowercase Letters
- ✿ Segmenting Sentences into Words
- ✿ Recognizing Words
- ✿ Spelling



# Language Arts

Fosters literacy learning through engagement in print-rich experiences to develop:

## 🌟 Oral Language

- Listening
- Speaking
- Phonemic Awareness
- Story Retelling

## 🌟 Reading

- Print Awareness
- Alphabet Identification
- Phonics
- Read Aloud
- Shared Reading
- Independent Reading

## 🌟 Writing

- Draw
- Write
- Share



# Mathematics



Facilitates active hands-on learning experiences through the development of:

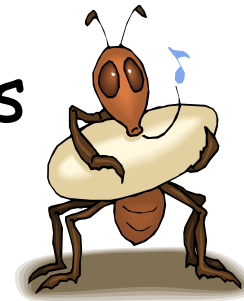
- ✿ **Patterns, Functions, and Algebra** (Sorts and Classifies Objects, Describes, Copies, Extends, Creates Patterns)
- ✿ **Geometry and Measurement** (Shapes and Comparisons: Size, Length, Weight, Capacity, Volume, Money)
- ✿ **Number and Number Sense** (Experiments with Numbers)
- ✿ **Computation and Estimation** (Uses Objects to Experiment with Addition and Subtraction to Ten)
- ✿ **Problem Solving and Applications** (Shares Real-life Experiences)
- ✿ **Probability and Statistics** (Represents Data Using Graphs/Charts)

# Science

## *Exploring My World*

Encourages investigation, exploration, and discovery of concepts in:

- ✿ Colors and Shapes
- ✿ Five Senses
- ✿ Seasonal Changes  
Fall, Winter,  
Spring, Summer
- ✿ Magnets
- ✿ Sink or Float
- ✿ Animal Adaptations
- ✿ Ants



# Social Studies

## *My Place in the World*

Encourages an understanding of self, family, and community by developing concepts through the topics of:

- ✿ Everyone is Special
  - I am Special
  - Others are Special
- ✿ Families are Special
- ✿ Communities are Special
- ✿ The World is Special



# Specials Subjects

## Music

Promotes active participation and creative expression through:

- ✿ Songs/Chants/Fingerplays
- ✿ Rhythm Patterns Using Instruments
- ✿ Movement/Rhythmic Activities



## Movement

Fosters physical development in areas of:

- ✿ Large Muscle Control
- ✿ Small Muscle Control
- ✿ Physical Activities



## Art

Promotes self-expression, creativity, and exploration through the use of:

- ✿ Various Art Materials and Techniques
- ✿ Works of Art



# Health

Fosters an awareness of the importance of a healthy body and the need for safety through the topics of:

- ✿ Living/Growing Bodies
  - Healthy Food Choices
  - Physical Activity
  - Personal Hygiene
- ✿ Health/Safety Information
  - Seeking Help When in Danger
  - Calling 911
- ✿ Family Life Education Program



(Steve likes healthy snacks.)

# Technology

Provides opportunities to reinforce integrated learning experiences through the development of:

## ✿ Computer Skills

- Mouse
- Keyboard
- Monitor
- Software
  - *Pixie*
  - *Kidspiration*
  - *Photostory*
  - *Microsoft Office Suite*
  - *Wonderoos Go Exploring*
  - *Wonderoos Go to Town*
- *Kinderventures*



# Typical Full-Day Kindergarten Schedule

✦ Networking

✦ Opening/Morning Meeting

✦ Language Arts



✦ Literacy Stations

✦ Recess

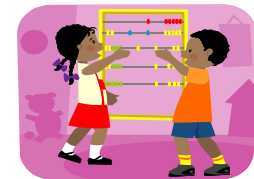


✦ Lunch



✦ Quiet Time

✦ Mathematics



✦ Science/  
Social Studies



✦ Special Subjects

✦ Centers

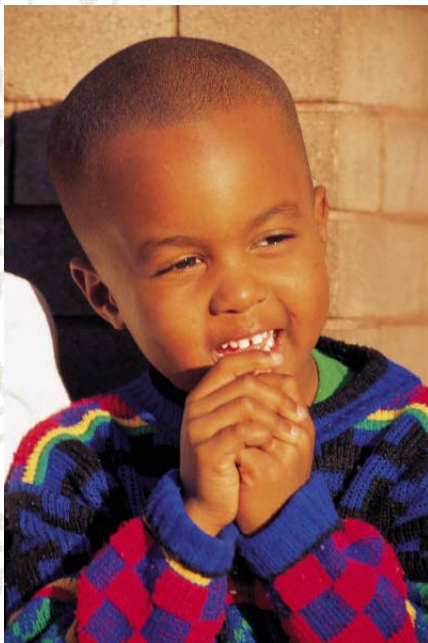


✦ Class Meeting/  
Dismissal





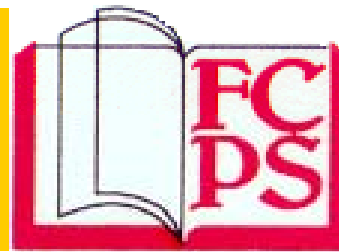
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together,



we help them reach their fullest potential.



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