



#### Welcome to the **Point Pleasant Recreation Preschool!**

For this slideshow, we have gathered information and pictures that best represent our preschool.

Our qualified teachers take great pride in providing the best instruction, care, and guidance to our **Little Learners** in a fun, play and theme based program.

Our **Kinderschoolers** benefit from a program that expands their learning experience with exciting, thorough lesson plans to prepare them for Kindergarten the following year.

Be sure to check out the attachments that were sent with the email you received. Browse through and print out any information that may be helpful for your soon-to-be preschooler!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at (732) 892-5813. Thank you!



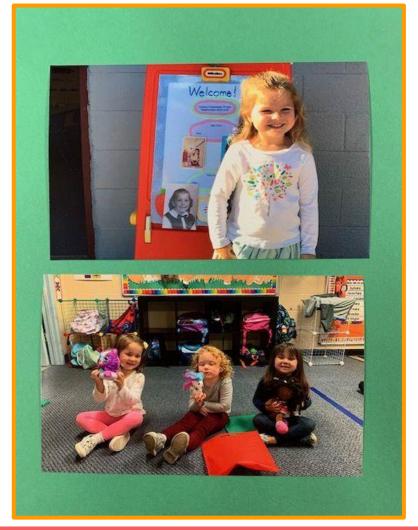




1001 River Avenue Point Pleasant, NJ

### Welcome to Preschool!





## **Little Learners Program**



Our Little Learners program is for children ages 3-4.

This program is a wonderful introduction to a school environment.

This program takes place two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The following three time slots are available: 8:00-11:00 am, 8:45-11:45 am and 12:00-3:00 pm.

Children entering this program must be 3 years old before October 1, 2021.

All children entering this program must be fully potty trained, and <u>cannot</u> wear pull-ups or diapers.

Each class has **two teachers** in a colorful classroom equipped with a plethora of educational materials and toys. The classroom size will be between 15-18 students per class.

Little Learners have access to the playground, gym, and all of the fun recreation equipment in the building.

# Little Learners Curriculum



The objective of our **Little Learners** program is to provide a **safe**, **welcoming environment** where children are encouraged to **grow at their own pace** toward **social**, **emotional**, **language**, **cognitive**, **and physical development**.

We facilitate development by first helping your child **gain independence and socialization**: building self-confidence, fostering the ability to listen, communicate and engage with classmates and teachers in a comfortable, meaningful manner throughout the school day.

We are a **play based and theme based program** that allows for exploration in **creative arts, health & safety, and science & social studies.** Our teachers introduce **gross and fine motor** activities complementing each lesson, and guide the children as they progress at their own ability.

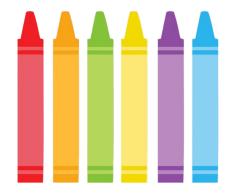
Your child will develop **reading readiness skills** when learning about colors, shapes, ABC recognition and rhyming sounds. Their **math readiness skills** involve number recognition, counting, classifying, patterns and opposites.

## **Little Learners Daily Routine**

Our daily routine accommodates all types of learners, with a balance of movement and quiet pursuits presented. Through our lessons and activities, children learn to concentrate and persist at challenging tasks, to think logically, problem solve and follow directions in individual and group settings.

#### **Daily Schedule:**

- \*Drop-Off
- \*Table Time small toys, coloring, play-doh
- \*Attendance and Job Choice
- \*Flag Salute, Calendar, Weather
- \*Music
- \*Circle Time- theme of the week stories and fingerplays
- \*Art
- \*Snack
- \*Free Play
- \*Math or Reading Readiness Lesson
- \*Outdoor or Gym Play
- \*Goodbye/Dismissal



Each activity lasts approximately 15 minutes, except for Free Play which lasts about 40 minutes.

## Little Learners Special Days & Events



In this program, the Little Learners will participate in **Show and Tell** once a month.

We celebrate **birthdays** with a special song, birthday crown and a treat to share with the class.

On holidays, we have **class parties** with festive food, goody bags and fun!

Two to three times a year, we invite parents to watch and listen to songs and fingerplays we have learned.

Special visitors include musical guests, farmers and naturalists from Cattus Island.

Little Learners take part in our **egg hatching** projects - either chicks or ducklings - right in their own classroom!

We offer **Scholastic book drives** that help to build your child's home library and love for reading.

## **Kinderschool Program**



Our Kinderschool program is for children ages 4-5 years old.

There is one 2 day/week option for this program: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:15am-3:15pm.

There are two 3-day/week options for this program: MWF 8:30am-2:00pm OR MWF 9:00am-2:30pm.

Children entering this program must be 4 years old before October 1, 2021.

There are **two teachers** per classroom for each class. The number of children per class is between 15-18 students.

The Kinderschool students will also have access to the **playground**, **gym**, and all of the fun **recreation equipment** in the building.

### **Kinderschool Curriculum**

The objective of our **Kinderschool program** is to provide a **safe, welcoming environment** where children are encouraged to **grow at their own pace** toward **social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical development.** 

We facilitate development by first helping your child **gain independence and socialization**: building self-confidence, fostering the ability to listen, communicate and engage with classmates and teachers in a comfortable, meaningful manner throughout the school day.

We are a **play based and theme based program** that allows for exploration in **creative arts, health** and safety, and science and social studies. Our teachers introduce gross and fine motor activities complementing each lesson and guide the children as they progress at their own ability.

**Reading readiness skills** are expanded from colors and shapes to letters introduced weekly and activities planned to enhance recognition, letter/sound relationships and rhyme. **Math readiness skills** move from number recognition and counting to important concepts such as opposites, patterns and measurement.

One of the main goals in Kinderschool is to fully **prepare your child for Kindergarten** on all levels.

## **Kinderschool Daily Routine**

Our daily routine accommodates all types of learners, with a balance of movement and quiet pursuits presented. Through our lessons and activities, children learn to concentrate & persist at challenging tasks, to think logically, problem solve & follow directions in individual & group settings.

#### **Daily Routine:**

- \*Table Time (small toys, coloring, play-dough)
- \*Attendance, Flag Salute, Job Choice, Calendar, Weather
- \*Music
- \*Circle Time (Theme of the day, stories, fingerplays)
- \*Art
- \*Lunch
- \*Free Play
- \*Letter of the Week Activity
- \*Gym or Outdoor Play
- \*Snack
- \*Math Activity
- \*Outdoor Play
- \*Goodbye/Dismissal



Each activity lasts approximately 20 minutes with the exception of Free Play which lasts approximately 40 minutes.

## Kinderschool Special Days & Events

Children in the Kinderschool program will enjoy all of the same extracurriculars as the Little Learners program <u>PLUS</u> will participate in:

- \*Holiday Show
- \*Grandparent or Special Friend Day
- \*Science & Art Fair
- \*Mother's Day Picnic
- \*Field Day
- \*Graduation



### **Table Time**

Table time signals the start of our day! The children join at the tables to socialize with their classmates and participate in a fun morning activity such as building with blocks or playing with shaving cream or play dough.



Helper Jobs

After attendance, the children choose which helper job they would like for the day. Helper jobs include flag holder, calendar helper, weather helper, song leader, art & snack helpers, clean-up inspector, line leader, door holder and caboose.



### **Circle Time**

Just after music, where we sing and dance to fun theme-related songs, we expand upon our weekly theme with **circle time**. In circle time, we read stories, have class discussions, encourage the children to share their own insight with the class, and play fun games to reinforce newly taught themes and concepts.









#### Hands On Learning & Exploration of Our Weekly Themes





# Art

Art is a fun and creative way to further expand upon our weekly theme. We use all sorts of materials such as markers, yarn, watercolors, beads and recycled materials to create daily projects. We like to include process art into our lesson plans. Process art is child-directed, choice-driven and encourages individuality among the students.



## **Learning Through Play!**

After snack or lunch, the students have free play (or station play), where they choose what they would like to play. This is a wonderful way to learn socialization, make new friends and navigate through the classroom while enjoying a large selection of toys.





### Math Concept Lessons & Number Games

Number lessons and math concepts are taught in a fun, appealing way through games and hands-on counting techniques.





## **Outdoor Play**

Our students utilize the two playgrounds, tennis courts and basketball courts when the weather permits. The children enjoy the slides and climbing equipment as well as playing with sidewalk chalk, hula hoops and playground balls. We use the school property for learning activities like nature walks and seasonally themed scavenger hunts.



## **Special Guests**

Annie B. came to entertain the children with some fun Halloween songs!





# **Holiday Show**

Our annual Kinderschool Holiday Show is always a favorite for students and their families! The students love to showcase the songs they have learned and the festive artwork they have created. It is something the teachers always look forward to as well!



## **Hatching Chicks!**



Our egg-hatching projects are exciting for everyone involved. There is such joy in the classroom when the hatchlings emerge! We also do butterfly hatching kits and set the butterflies free on the

### Science & Art Fair

Our Kinderschool students shine at our Science & Art Fair! Their art pieces and science experiments are on display and our gymnasium transforms into an interactive art gallery and science lab.







### **Colorful Classrooms**

Our classrooms are bright, energetic and inspired by the students themselves. Our bulletin boards change with the seasons, and the artwork is done by the children. They love to see their artwork on display!





**Contributing to Our Community** 

We teach the importance of being a good friend in the classroom as well as in our community! This year we held a food drive for Panthers Let's Eat to help those in need right here in Point Pleasant.



### **Assessments & Teacher Communication**

**Assessment** of children is continuous. Teachers maintain a **portfolio** containing various projects that illustrate your child's progress.

**Progress reports** are sent home in January and again in June outlining the skills that have been mastered and those needing reinforcement.

We welcome **communication** with parents! **Conferences** are scheduled as needed.

Monthly **calendars and newsletters** are sent home to inform parents of weekly themes and special days.

The **Remind App** is used to locate daily health forms, share important information, photos and updates.



## Preschool Registration 2021-2022

**Preschool registration** for the 2021-2022 school year will be held <u>online</u> via your Community Pass Account on **Wednesday**, **March 10**, **2021**:

\* <u>10:00 am</u> for **Point Pleasant Borough residents** with a child currently enrolled in our preschool program

\*<u>1:00 pm</u> for **new students** who live in Point Pleasant Borough

\*Monday, April 5th at 10:00 am for all non-resident students

