



Description of Learning Centers

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Art Center

Open Ended: A creative outlet for young children. This Center provides “open ended” art materials such as plain paper, crayons, chalk, markers, paint, and collage materials for children to create their one-of-a-kind art masterpieces.

Project Art: A directed art project having a fixed outcome. “Project art” will provide training in following step-by-step instructions while refining fine motor skills.

Blocks Center

A center consisting of unit blocks and accessories such as animals, cars, wooden people, and traffic signs. This area will reinforce spatial relationships as children measure, balance, build, carry, and create structures.

Reading Center

This learning center provides a variety of books for children to read.

Literature Center

Teacher reads a book while children actively listen. This will encourage story sequencing, letter and word recognition, and the connection between oral and written language.

Math Center

Sorting, classification, number recognition, one-to-one relationships, counting, etc. are featured in this learning center.



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Social Studies Center

A learning center that provides opportunities for children to learn about themselves and others in the classroom setting. A study of likeness and differences among children around the world will be highlighted throughout the year.

Small Manipulatives Center

A learning center that promotes fine motor skills. This area contains puzzles, stringing activities, lacing, building, patterning, cutting, etc. All of these materials promote reading and writing readiness by developing appropriate hand-eye coordination needed to write and read.

Etiquette

While not a specific center, manners are very important during this stage of growth and development. Each teacher will be modeling appropriate manners in the classroom. Children learn by example. "Please", "thank you", and "you are welcome", are a part of everyday routines. Table manners are reinforced at all times. Children are encouraged to be polite, take turns, and say excuse me.