

Learning at home

As parents we are always trying to find better ways to help our children grow and become the people they are meant to be. One of the best things that you can do for your children is be a positive role model. Children are very observant and will often model behaviors after those that they love. Most importantly, let your child know that they are loved and focus on the positive things that they do, then they will be likely to repeat them. Most of all, find quality time to spend with your children reading and playing and doing activities. Show them learning is fun and see how they grow!



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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Pre-K Program

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Make learning fun!



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Preparation

"Everything I needed to know about life I learned in preschool."

Preschool is the place that prepares us socially and emotionally to enter school and, more importantly, how to interact with others for the rest of our lives. Here, we receive our first opportunities to share, work cooperatively and be independent.



We learn through play! Here at Shepherd of the Valley, we create learning experiences through activities that are fun and catch attention.

These experiences are designed to facilitate social and emotional development as well as prepare our students for the cognitive and physical development necessary for entering Kindergarten.

Theme Based

Here at Shepherd of the Valley, we have a theme of the week for each program. Brain research emphasizes the importance of forming patterns and helping children understand the connection to learning. Through themes, we encourage this patterning as we incorporate games, activities, songs, literature and dramatic play. Themes also make what the children are learning exciting and interesting.



Themes teach through experience the goals and concepts that they will eventually master.

Goals

Our Pre-Kindergarten program builds a strong foundation, preparing your child for Kindergarten. Our program uses a variety of materials, activities and one-on one time to help children

develop the following:

- Independence and confidence
- Understanding & management of feelings
- Transitioning & change adaptation
- Caring & sharing
- Cooperative learning
- Attention skills through following directions & effective questioning
- Gross motor stability
- Fine motor manipulation through art, tracing & correct handwriting skills
- Personal health & safety practices
- Appropriate verbal & non-verbal responses
- Interest in literature and books through comprehension & pre-reading readiness
- Knowledge of the alphabet & the different sounds of language through phonics & auditory memory
- Math skills using numbers, patterns & relationships
- Interest in science through discovery & experiments
- Beginning computer skills

