



# BOBBIE NOONAN'S CHILD CARE

Dear Parents,

Some of you may be in the process of making the decisions about a Kindergarten program for your child. While doing this, please keep in mind that in our Kindergarten we build upon the concepts and skills your child has already mastered in our school, as well as introduce current math and language concepts that will transition into first grade. We are able to master more material in a more challenging way because most of our Kindergarten children have the same Pre-Kindergarten background. We continue the reading program where the children left off and by the end of year most of our students will be reading at a first or second grade level.

One of the most important key elements of our Kindergarten program is that we offer a small class size. Fewer students means that each one gets attention from the teacher, and they are encouraged to take part and express their opinions. Teachers at the front of a small class have more opportunities to observe and assess the class as a whole and the students as individuals. Teachers can cater to students' different learning styles and ensure that they stay engaged in what is being taught.

In math, our knowledge of numbers continues with base ten studies, addition, subtraction, time and fractions structured around the Common Core. The children complete daily math journals. A math journal, or problem solving notebook, is a book in which students record their math work and thinking. They can be used to: Record the solution to math problems, along with the strategy and thought processes used to arrive at the solution.

Our literacy mission is to develop each student's potential to effectively construct and convey meanings in all areas of language. Our approach provides student with opportunities to read, write, discuss and play with words and letters, all working towards building a solid foundation in literacy.

All of the above and much, much more is accomplished in an atmosphere of fun. We know that learning is pleasurable when the children experience success. Lots of interesting material and activities help to keep the love and challenge of learning alive.

The following is a list of specific goals for some of the major areas in Kindergarten.

## **English Language Arts**

In Kindergarten, our reading and writing program incorporates listening, speaking, reading, and writing focusing on the following skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary, fluency and writing.

- ★ Identify upper and lowercase letters and sounds, rhyming words, sight words.
- ★ Follow written words left to right, top to bottom and page by page and understanding that words in print are separated by spaces.



- ★ Guided reading groups: The classroom teacher works with small groups of students on similar levels and strategies. The goal is to help children learn how to use reading strategies independently and successfully.
- ★ In writing, the students learn to spell words phonetically, basic sentence structure and punctuation. The students learn to express ideas in writing using emergent spelling and known sight words.
- ★ Reading Comprehension: Asking and answering questions about key details in stories or other information read aloud.

## **Mathematics**

In Kindergarten, our math program is designed to develop number sense and math skills through participation and involvement in hands-on activities and mathematical conversation.

### ★ Numeration

- Complete and produce patterns
- Recognize and print numerals 0-20
- Count using 1 : 1 correspondence
- Count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100
- Identify numbers before and after 0-30

### ★ Operations

- Solve simple addition and subtraction problems

### ★ Measurement

- Sort objects using varying attributes
- Recognize a penny, nickel, dime and quarter
- Tell time on the hour, half hour and quarter hour



★ Geometry

- Identify and describe 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, analyze and compare

Additional subjects included in our program are:

- ★ Science
- ★ Social Studies
- ★ Art
- ★ Music

I have touched on only a small part of our program at Bobbie Noonan's. Our Kindergarten can insure an enriched learning experience for your child. If you are interested in further information about our program please feel free to contact me.

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