Philosophy

*Playful Learning* is the magic that takes place when you meld a child's natural sense of curiosity with thoughtfully planned learning experiences. We believe that all children are budding scientists, artists, mathematicians, authors, and scholars and have an inherent drive to learn and make a positive impact on the world.

Our belief in the unlimited potential of children is at the heart of all we do. *Playful Learning Studio* provides an enriching and supportive environment, which inspires children to intuitively take advantage of the prospects for learning that are put before them.

Preschool Curriculum Guide

Playful Learning offers a unique preschool program that provides personalized learning in an innovative classroom environment. Engaging lessons, access to the finest materials, and our highly specialized instruction, provides children with truly unique learning experiences. By tapping into each child's innate curiosity, we nurture their natural desire to dive deeply into academic endeavors, seek answers to their questions, and master important skills.

We offer a dynamic interdisciplinary curriculum with clear disciplinary standards. Inspiring topics are explored through a variety of disciplines and mediums such as: art, science, technology, engineering, literacy, math, writing, dramatic play, movement, music, and social/emotional learning.

Rocks and Minerals • Architecture and Buildings
Local Ecosystems • Adventures in Space
Botany Explorations • Journeys in Geography
And More!
Social & Emotional

- Create a safe, nurturing environment to facilitate a smooth, comfortable transition from school to home
- Encourage children to be open to new experiences and willing to take risks
- Introduce, encourage and support the practice of sharing, taking turns and cooperative play/work
- Facilitate social development as children move from parallel play to interaction with classmates
- Encourage the use of language to communicate thoughts, ideas and needs with teachers and classmates
- Explore and appreciate similarities and differences between and among each other

Language Arts

- Support oral language development and increase vocabulary
- Model and encourage use of language for communication
- Foster a love of literature through shared reading of stories, poetry and songs
- Develop awareness that spoken language is related to a system of written symbols
- Encourage early literacy skills such as sound/symbol correspondence
- Encourage early “writing” of stories through drawings and the use of dictation

Mathematics

- Introduce pre-math concepts through hands-on experiences with a variety of manipulative materials
- Build ability to count using one-to-one correspondence
- Begin to develop number recognition
- Develop awareness of shapes and size relationships
- Practice sorting according to attributes such as size, shape and color
- Predict, create and duplicate patterns using manipulative
- Create and interpret simple graphs
- Begin to develop an awareness of spatial relationships, balance and symmetry through block building

Science

- Develop the skills of communication, observation, estimation, measurement, cause and effect, investigation and evaluation
- Explore elements of the natural world through field experiences at school as well as the larger community
- Use early scientific method: ask, guess, try and answer
- Introduce scientific tools: magnifying glasses, measuring units, magnets and others
Art
• Lessons that expose children to the discipline of the fine arts
• Access to a variety of high-quality art materials and other creative provocations
• Work with paint, paper, clay, fabric, wood and a variety of natural materials with rich tactile qualities
• Provide opportunities for artistic expression in an atmosphere that is safe and nurturing
• Encourage children to experience, invent, and freely express themselves with a focus on process as well as product
• Experiment with unfamiliar materials and use familiar materials in new ways
• Refer to individual artists as an introduction to art history

Theater
• Act out familiar stories and songs
• Create and enact original material
• Explore self-expression and stretch the imagination
• Enrich exposure to literature through, puppetry, mask making and movement
• Expand the classroom topics with related dramatic experiences

Music & Movement
• Use songs, rhymes, chants, games and activities that incorporate singing, speech, instrument playing and movement
• Explore, create and develop an appreciation of music
• Use movement activities to develop rhythm and body awareness