

Early Threes

The Early Three's classes are offered as two sessions: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to noon or Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM to noon. To be enrolled in the Early Three year old class a child must be 2½ years of age by September 30th of the fall they begin class.

The Early Three year old classes are designed to give each child a fun filled and secure learning environment to introduce them to the school setting. We work with the children on separating from parents (often for the first time), Socialization (sharing with others), exposure to academics and strengthening fine and gross motor skills that are age appropriate. In January there are parent/teacher conferences, at which time there is the opportunity to review and discuss the readiness skills check list done by the teacher with each child. Our teacher/child ratio at the Early Three year old level is one to five.

Daily Class Schedule

9:00 – 9:30	Free Play at Centers <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Toys on rug2. Activity Table: water, play dough, paint, etc.3. Books and puzzles
9:30 – 10:00	Circle Time <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flag Song2. Calendar3. Weather4. ABC's5. Counting6. Shapes7. Colors
10:00 – 10:15	Books and Bathroom
10:15 – 10:45	Playground
10:45 – 11:15	Wash Hands and Snack
11:15 – 11:45	Craft Activity
11:45 – Noon	Bible Story and Songs
Noon	Parents pick up at classroom door

Units & Special Activities

September	Chapel Talk Class Rules Safety Me Friends
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	Five Senses
October	Chapel Talk Fall Halloween Harvest Festival Halloween Parade
November	Chapel Talk Thanksgiving and Family Day of Sharing Meal Day of Sharing Program
December	Chapel Talk Christmas Parade of the Magi Program Christmas Party with parents
January	Chapel Talk Winter Day and Night PJ & Pancake Day
February	Chapel Talk Valentine's Day Valentine's Day Parties Animals
March	Chapel Talk Dad's Night Under the Sea Beach Day Easter
April	Chapel Talk Easter egg Hunt Transportation and Community Helpers Visits by Community Helpers: Dentist, Fireman, Policeman, Mailman Transportation Day
May	Chapel Talk Bugs and Insects Mother's Day Tea Nursery Rhymes End of Year school picnic with families

Curriculum

In the Early Three's class your child will be exposed to the following skills and through repetition will become more capable in each area as the year progresses. Remember that each child learns and progresses at their own rate.

Social and Emotional Skills:

- Separate easily from parents
- Develop good self image
- Learn to play and share with other children
- Show concern for other's feelings

Respond to authority other than mom and dad, i.e.: teachers

Gross Motor Skills:

Balance
Walking forward and backward
Hopping on two feet then on one foot
Throw a ball
Kick a ball
Climb on playground equipment
Peddle a bike

Music:

Participate in group singing
Enjoy and get involved in music activities
Start learning rhythm

Fine Motor Skills:

Painting: finger and with large paint brushes
Use crayons and markers
Scissors: learn to hold properly and start cutting skills
Pasting: use glue sticks
Puzzles
Thread beads
Draw a line and a circle

Listening and Speaking Skills:

Sit and listen to short stories quietly
Work on lengthening attention span
Speak clearly with reinforcement of letter sounds
Work on communicating in sentences and asking questions
Learn to wait turn to talk in a group setting

Reading Readiness:

Learn basic colors: red, orange, brown, green, white, pink, blue, yellow and purple
Exposure to alphabet and phonetic sounds
Listen to short story and recall a few details

Math Readiness:

Learn basic shapes: circle, triangle, oval, star, square, heart, rectangle, octagon, diamond
Exposure to numbers 1-10

Work Habits:

Learn to get involved in and complete activity
Follow simple one step directions
Learn to make choices