

## Older 3's

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00a.m. to Noon

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To be enrolled in the Older 3's, a child must be 3 years of age by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the fall they begin class.

The Older 3's class is designed to introduce children to the school setting. The primary goal of this class is to have each child's start of their school years be a positive experience where they learn through fun in a secure environment. During the school year your child will be working on separating from parents (for some children for the 1<sup>st</sup> time), socialization (sharing with others), academics, and fine and gross motor skills that are age appropriate. Each January parent/teacher conferences are held. At conference time the parents will be given the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and review a readiness skills check list. Our teacher/child ratio for the 3's level is one to six with a maximum of 12 children per class.

### Daily Class Schedule

30 Minutes	Free Play at Centers: 1. Toys on rug 2. Activity table: water, play dough, paint, etc. 3. Books and puzzles 4. Blocks
30 Minutes	Circle Time Pledge of Allegiance & Flag Song Calendar (Days of the week & months of the year) Weather ABCs Counting Shapes Colors
15 Minutes	Books and Bathroom
30 Minutes	Playground
30 Minutes	Wash hands and Snack
30 Minutes	Craft Activity
15 Minutes	Bible Story and Songs
Dismissal	Parents pick up at classroom door

### Curriculum

In the Older 3's class your child will be exposed to the following skills and will become more proficient in each area as the year progresses. Keep in mind that each child learns and matures at their own rate.

Language:

- Identify some letters (3 alphabet letters covered per month)
- Phonetic sound of letters
- Relate letters and phonetic sounds to objects, i.e. A for Apple, B for Boy
- Recognize his/her first name (work on last name recognition)

Math:

- Count from 1-10
- Identify numbers 1-10 in and out of sequence
- Sequence numbers and sizes (big, medium, and little)

Learn & identify shapes (circle, triangle, oval, star, square, heart, diamond, rectangle & octagon)

Science:

Seasons-fall, winter, spring & summer  
Fall – harvest, apples (what’s inside), leaves (why change color), pumpkins (what’s inside)  
Snow – snowflakes (each is different), rain to snow & ice  
Under the Sea – fish or mammal  
Body parts & 5 senses  
Animals – pets & farm (new life in spring with baby animals)  
Insects & Butterflies (grow butterflies in classroom)

Social Studies:

Special holidays; Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, St. Nick Day, Christmas, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Memorial Day. Learn about people and customs that make each holiday special.

Motor skills:

Fine Motor:

Crayons – hold properly & work on coloring in lines  
Scissors – learn to hold properly & cut straight lines, then progress to curved lines  
Thread beads, peg board activities, puzzles  
Draw simple object

Gross Motor:

Walk in line  
Pedal bike during inside play in winter  
Climbing, running, etc. on outside playground  
Songs with movement that include skipping, hopping, galloping, etc.

Social Development:

Separate from parents  
Play & share with others – 1<sup>st</sup> parallel play and then interactive as year progresses  
Learn to listen to and follow directions, 1<sup>st</sup> one step and then 3 step directions  
Use good manners  
Learn to wait turn to talk, listen to friends and share ideas at circle

Speaking & Listening Skills:

Communicate in sentences  
Use language, not actions to communicate wants & needs  
Listen to stories quietly and be able to answer simple questions at end (comprehension)  
Attention span should be lengthening

Music & Art:

Participate in class songs & finger play  
Imitates teacher using rhythmic patterns  
Follows directions and completes art activities  
Learns basic color: red, orange, brown, green, white, pink, purple, yellow and blue

## **Units & Special Activities**

September:                   Class Rules & Safety  
                                      Me & 5 Senses  
                                      Friends  
                                      Chapel Talk

October:	Fall Harvest Festival Halloween Party & Parade Chapel Talk
November:	Thanksgiving & Family Day of Sharing Meal & Program Chapel Talk
December:	Christmas Parade of the Magi Program Christmas class party with parents Chapel Talk
January:	Winter Day & Night PJ & Pancake Day Chapel Talk
February:	Love & Caring for others Valentine Parties Animals Chapel Talk
March:	Dad's Night Under the Seam & Beach Day Easter Chapel Talk
April:	Easter Egg Hunt Transportation & Community Helpers Visits by Community Helpers: Dentist, Fireman, Policeman, Mailman Transportation Day Chapel Talk
May:	Bugs & Insects Mother's Day Tea Nursery Rhymes Chapel Talk End of year school picnic with families

Being a religious based preschool, each month our curriculum includes a Chapel Talk time. One of the church pastors shares a Bible Story with the children in the church sanctuary. The children learn a theme related song for the month and a bible verse which in turn they share with the church pastor. Parents are invited to join us for this special time each month.