Carmel Mountain Preschool

Pre-K Overview

**Cross Curriculum Leaning**

* Builds and expands on concepts from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt’s Pre-K
* Develops an awareness of patterns and sounds in language.
* Phonological and print awareness
* Print rich environment to promote comprehension and vocabulary.
* Recognize and start to print letters of the alphabet.
* Knowledge of letters and sounds through writing, reading, songs, alpha friends, and rhymes.
* Variety of literature introduced: fiction, nonfiction, poems and charts.
* Multicultural awareness and understanding.
* Build on children’s home and community experiences to create meaningful connections.
* Writing/drawing centers.
* Introduction to writing and identifying beginning sounds, story elements, sequences of events, and be able to communicate ideas through pictures and writing.
* Opportunity for literacy success for every child.
* Promotes independent and critical thinking skills.
* Encourages cooperative and team building skills.

**Developmentally Appropriate Practices**

* Science and sensory exploration
* Creative arts/painting
* Name writing skills
* Rhythm and movement
* Practical math applications: sorting, classifying, patterns, sequencing, matching, one to one correspondence, introduction to graphing and counting.
* Cooking
* Dramatic play
* Learning centers
* Blocks and building manipulatives
* Fine motor development and cutting skills.

**Group Time**

* Daily read aloud and story time, essential for reading success.
* Music/songs
* Calendar
* Rhyming, repetition, expanding vocabulary and phonics.

**Outdoor Play**

* Gross motor skills
* Physical development
* Getting along with peers.

**-CPR and first aid certified teachers**

**-Open door policy**

**-Daily communication through memos and lesson plans.**

**-Annual parent teacher conferences.**

**-Annual assessments for growth and development.**