

The Children's Academy

Curriculum Map for Infants & Toddlers *(6 weeks- 24 months)*

Area	Concept & Skill	Curriculum to Support Development
Approaches to learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages & interacts • Flexibility & Inventiveness • Problem Solving • Persistence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Play-based learning techniques provide children with an imaginative environment full of inquiry opportunities</i> • <i>Recognize and respond to familiar sounds, activities, and people</i> • <i>Children are encouraged to try new things in new ways</i> • <i>Teacher oversees play and asks simple questions</i> • <i>Showing increase awareness of their effect on the environment</i> • <i>Role play</i> • <i>Interactions are kept open-ended</i> • <i>Routines help promote repetition of actions and pro-longed interests</i>
Social Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Awareness • Self- Regulation • Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Express feelings</i> • <i>Shows preferences; likes or dislikes</i> • <i>Self-management encouraged through daily interactions with peers</i> • <i>Teacher acknowledges social boundaries</i> • <i>Group time and group play encourages short social interactions</i> • <i>Children relate to other children through activities, art and experiments</i> • <i>Teachers acknowledge feelings displayed by others</i>
Language and Early Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receptive Language • Expressive Language • Speech • Reading Foundational Skills • Writing Behaviors and Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sign language</i> • <i>Daily conversation cards</i> • <i>Monthly word cards</i> • <i>Books as a source of information</i> • <i>Songs</i> • <i>Puppet shows</i> • <i>Reading aloud</i> • <i>Teacher connects and understands children's different lines of communicating; i.e. sounds, hand gestures.</i>

<p>Math</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting • Comparing numbers • Operations and Algebra • Measurement and Data • Geometry and Spatial Sense • Problem Solving and Analyzing Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daily counting</i> • <i>Teacher vocalizes what is always happening around us</i> • <i>Explore with sight, sound, taste, and touch</i> • <i>Introduction to shapes</i> • <i>Experiment with pouring and filling</i> • <i>Manipulative toys teach how things fit together</i> • <i>Puzzles</i> • <i>Object permanence</i>
<p>Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory Awareness • Observation and Exploration • Problem Solving • Simple Tools • Earth and Space • Sequencing and Time • Living Things • Physical Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Sensory play • Weekly hands on experiments • Measuring • Mixing • Food tasting • Using our 5 senses inside and outside • Magnets • Books as a source of information • Science center toys relate the children to nature

Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactions and Culture • History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum units focused on cultural differences; holidays, clothing, food, customs, languages, etc. • Curriculum units focused on family tree, community helpers, and neighborhoods • Dramatic play • Overall awareness of similarities and differences among people
Creative Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Art • Dramatic Play and Movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical along with a wide variety of music genres played daily • Dance and movement incorporated in daily lessons • Dramatic play and music center open for free choice • Stamps, dot markers, crayons or paint used daily • Sensory painting
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Motor • Fine Motor • Self-help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground • Yoga • Exploring body movement by; balancing, stretching, climbing, jumping, exploring, running • Building with blocks • Puzzles • Using brushes and other sensory tools in art • Playdoh tools • Manipulative toys accessible most of day

