

Pre-School at Ellis School

Home-School Connection

1. Preschoolers are enthusiastic about learning.
2. Preschoolers are motivated to do things independently.
3. Preschoolers are social.
4. Preschoolers are stubborn.
5. Preschoolers are always learning new things.

Social Emotional Development

Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will be able to:

- Regulate his or her emotions or behavior
- Establish and sustain positive relationships
- Participate cooperatively and constructively in group situations
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Suggestion for home activities

- Establish consistent routines and expectations
- Model coping skills during difficult moments
- Have play dates in your home and at different destinations such as the park, library, etc.
- Enjoy spending time with your child!

Motor Development

Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will be able to:

- Demonstrate traveling skills, balancing skills and gross motor manipulative skills
- Demonstrate fine motor strength and coordination

Suggestion for home activities

- Spend as much time as possible playing outdoors
- Explore local playgrounds
- Have material for arts and crafts (crayons, makers, paper, play-dough, scissors, paste, etc.) available
- Practice dressing and undressing

Language Arts

Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will be able to:

- Uses language to express thoughts and needs
- Uses appropriate communication skills
- Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet, print, and phonological awareness
- Comprehends and responds to books and texts
- Demonstrates emergent writing skills

Suggestion for home activities in language arts

- Read with your preschooler. Create a family reading time where everyone reads and shares information
- Play alphabet games as you travel
- Encourage children to identify traffic signs, restaurant logos and retail shops
- Have your child help you create a grocery list or "write" recipes

<p>Mathematics</p> <p>Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses number concepts and operations • Explores and describes spatial relationships and shapes • Compares and measures • Demonstrates knowledge of patterns 	<p>Suggestions for home activities in mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count, count, count! • Play math games with your child. Building with blocks is a great activity! • Play card and dice games • Create A-B patterns out of everyday objects
<p>Science Topics</p> <p>Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will explore and discover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life cycles such as apples, caterpillars and butterflies, seeds and plants • Characteristics of living things 	<p>Suggestions for home activities in science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go for a nature walk and make observations • Visit the SPCA, parks, and farms to observe animals and plants • Check out NH.com for free activities for your child • Have your child help with cooking
<p>Social Studies Topics</p> <p>Prior to Kindergarten your preschooler will explore and discover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of self and others in the community • Understand and follow rules 	<p>Suggestions for home activities in social studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take your child to the park or other fun spots in your community • Share stories about when your child was born and show baby pictures