

The *A Room to Grow* Preschool curriculum highlights will include, but is not limited to the following concepts and topics. Weekly themed plans will be posted outside the preschool classroom on the parent bulletin board.

Pre-Reading/Reading

Name recognition
Making predictions
Comparing different versions of stories
Story retellings
Concepts of print (understands that print is read; words flow left to right and top to bottom)
Singing and saying ABC's
Letter/number discrimination
Letter identification—upper and lower case
Matching lower/upper case letters
Stating and recognizing letters in first name
Letter sounds
Initial consonant picture sorting
Blending phonemes
Exposure to and memorizing simple rhymes
Choral reading
Fingerplays
Word hunts and finger tracking
Sight word memorization
Decoding skills
Compound words

Math Concepts

Sorting
Counting to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's
Counting backwards from 10
One-to-one correspondence to 10
Matching sets by counting
Shape recognition (circle, square, rectangle, triangle, oval, diamond)
Color recognition (red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple, black, brown, grey, white, pink)
Numeral recognition and writing numbers 0—10
Matching sets with numerals
Creating equal numbered sets
Opposites
Ordinal numbers
Sequence
Comparisons
Spatial relationships
Estimating and observing
Patterns
Thinking games
Linear measurement
Weight and volume
Temperature
Time
Calendar concepts (days, month, years)

Graphs
Fractions
Money
Addition/Subtraction
Probability

Critical Thinking Skills

Sequencing
Perception skills
Inferences
Classification
Riddles

Writing Skills

Writing upper and lower case alphabet letters and numerals correctly
Writing first name with correct spelling
Using inventive spelling
Copying in print

Science Skills

Collecting
Observing
Measuring
Recording
Predicting
Establishing cause/effect
Problem solving
Using magnifying glasses
Using droppers
Using tweezers

Safety

Fire drills
Shelter-in-place drills
Carrying scissors
Playground safety
Blood pathogen awareness

Music & Movement

Rhythmic Instruments
Singing
Choreographed songs

Social/Self-Help Skills

Listen to and follow directions
Listen to a story attentively without interrupting
Recognize personal space (hands and feet to oneself)
Raise hand to speak
State first and last name
Carry on conversation with peers and adults

Express feelings
Speak audibly in front of a group
Use correct subject pronouns
Use correct pencil grip and school tools (glue stick, glue bottle, scissors)
Attend to a task for 10 minutes
Understand positional words (over, under, in, out, behind, in front)
Wash hands
Express bathroom needs
Use bathroom properly
Use manners
Develop sense of responsibility
Develop self confidence
Line up and walk in line
Handle books properly
Put toys away

Gross Motor Skills and Exercise

Outdoor play
Relay races
Stretching
Strengthening
Balance
Aerobic activity
Dancing

Common Teaching Themes

Apples	Insects	Seasons
Animal Families	Leaves	Senses
Bears	Monsters	Snow
Body/Feelings	Mother's Day	Spiders
Castles	Ocean	St. Patrick's Day
Chinese New Year	Outer Space	Thanksgiving
Circus	Pets	Transportation
Columbus Day	Pirates	Valentine's Day
Community Helpers	Plants	Volcanoes
Dinosaurs	Presidents' Day	Weather
Fairy Tales	Pumpkins	Zoo
Farms	Rainforest	
Foods	Recycling	