



Little Einsteins

Spanish School ACADEMICS

Preschool Curriculum

The Children have the opportunity to explore and learn different cultures and learn to speak, read and write in Spanish through books, photographs, games, experiments, curriculum, and other teaching materials according to each age group. It is our goal to promote above average kids, academically and socially, in a safe environment in which they experience confidence and respect for themselves and others. We believe that children come with their own learning styles and questions. Our approach, which is supported by the Constructivist & Montessori philosophy, is that curriculum should be negotiated between the children, the teacher and the group through shared experiences in an open mixed aged group setting. We plan to offer a rich array of both structured and unstructured opportunities for children to learn about themselves, materials, teamwork and individual learning. In addition we follow the STEAM method in our appropriate to learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)

STEAM is playing with purpose! STEAM develops early critical thinking and reasoning skills. STEAM develops a set of thinking, reasoning,, teamwork, investigative, and creative skills that can be used daily.

Language:

We strive to nurture young children in a culturally rich environment through the gateway of bilingualism. Through collaborative discourse and the joy of play, together in a rich stimulating environment, our students will become knowledgeable, self-motivated, capable world citizens. Students are immersed daily in Authentic Spanish/English language. We utilize Spanish language on a daily basis as our primary subjects; Math, song, reading and writing are all taught in Spanish. This creates an environment for our students to become fully immersed in the language and engaged in their development of language skills.

Science:

Our science curriculum will be engaging and hands on. Supportive of the national science concepts appropriate for the ages being taught. We will introduce basic science skills through concepts and experiments. Topics will include colors, space, oceans, plants, and animals. We will work to incorporate science activities in all weekly lessons.

Technology:

We will expand our technology and work on basic functions and educational apps, documentaries, and incorporate moderate and appropriate technology to support in math and reading skills. As supported by STEAM, technology is an effective way to engage while teaching students about counting, solving problems, critical thinking, observation, predications, story telling, communication and more.

Engineering:

We work with our students to move forward into our world by engaging them in basic engineering fundamentals. We incorporate this into everyday learning by utilizes blocks, Lego's, & building. Not only does this support and create creativity and curiosity. It also supports with Measuring, Predicting, Investigations, Designing, and Concentration.

Arts:

Art is a large factor to our preschool environment. We will use art in many activities to support and encourage interests and learning. Art is also a method of support for fine motor development. As kids manipulate a paintbrush, their fine motor skills improve. When children experiment with materials, they dabble in science. Most important, when kids feel good while they are creating, art help boost self-confidence. Art is an important piece to identification and our world.

Math:

The basic math skills teachers provide in early childhood education set the building blocks for the entire academic career. Without learning simple skills like number sense, math concepts and simple application of ideas like adding, children are not prepared to move into elementary education. We will gradually work and master; Number sense, Representation, Estimation, Patterns, Problem solving.



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Additional Activities



TUMBLEBUS: Focused on introduction to tumbling, jumping, balance, and stretching. Specializes in early Gymnastics skills. More info can be found at <http://tumblebuspdx.com/>

SOCCER SHOTS: Soccer shots is an engaging children soccer program with a focus on character development. More information is found at <https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/>

WEBBY DANCE: Creative movement and dance techniques across the floor. More information is available at <http://www.webbydancecompany.com/>

MUSIC CLASS: Introduction to music taught by Maestro Helio from Brazil.

HOMEWORK: Little Einsteins does not have required homework, rather we can periodically have “at home activities” that teachers will provide in the support of their students. At no time should students feel anxiety for school assignments nor are assignments mandatory.

FIELDTRIPS: Indoor Classroom and Outdoor Fieldtrips are scheduled throughout our school year. Fieldtrip should encourage monthly themes and parents are made aware prior to any outside excursions.

Little Einsteins policies have always been centered around individuality and creative learning.