

MS. BOWCOCK'S KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

An Overview of Daily Learning



BIG IDEAS

Our program is set up to integrate curriculum areas through 'big ideas' and inquiry. Many subject areas naturally overlap and build on relationships that exist in the real world.



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Exploration and hands-on experiences actively involve children while strengthening their intellectual development. They make sense of their world, develop social, emotional and thinking skills in a meaningful context.



SPECIAL HELPER'S CALENDAR AND SHOW & TELL

The helper leads activities like patterning, graphing, counting, days of the week and months of the year. The special helper gains confidence and experience speaking in front of the group and sharing something meaningful.



EXPLORATION

Self-chosen play activities have numerous social, emotional, academic, aesthetic and physical benefits. Hands-on play while interacting with others makes learning meaningful.



STORY TIME

Children need hours and hours of experience with and exposure to good quality literature. They gain a love of literacy while sparking their curiosity of and motivation to learn to read.



SHARED WRITING & MORNING MESSAGE

Writing is interactively created as the teacher 'stretches' words, emphasising sounds for the letters needed. Finger-spacing and punctuation are modeled and reading fluency is practiced.



PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS & POEM OF THE WEEK

The children learn concepts of print (left to right with return sweep, top to bottom), letter & sound identification, word tracking and rhyme. Most of all they learn that reading is fun.



STORY WRITING

The children use their emerging literacy skills as they draw using many colours and details. With the teacher, they tell their story and practice their emerging writing skills, random letters to emergent phonemic spelling.



BOOK TIME & LIBRARY VISITS

The children experiment with reading and explore their preferences as they choose from books that vary in reading level from one word per page to high-quality literature.



MATH

Through the use of manipulatives, interactive games and activities, we explore sorting, patterning, graphing, set counting, numeral writing, 2D shapes and 3D objects, measurement, number concepts, addition and subtraction.



P.E.

Sportsmanship and gross muscle skills develop while learning to move safely. Activities involve different equipment and cooperative games. The importance of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle is encouraged.



SNACK, LUNCH & OUTSIDE PLAY

The children learn health and nutrition through discussions about hand washing with soap, healthy snacks and outdoor exercise and play.

