

## Reasons to Love Our Derry Preschool Family

Derry Preschool has a wonderful Alumni Association that raises money to support our school. They have raised funds which have allowed us to purchase a school iPad and playground equipment.

Derry Preschool partners with Hershey High School's job training programs. These programs allow students with special needs gain vocational experience that is crucial for them to gain employment after graduation.

Derry Preschool is part of an intergenerational program where children visit the residents at the local retirement community to share songs, simple craft projects, but mostly to interact with the residents!

Derry Preschool sponsors a Scholastic Book Fair each year. All of the proceeds go back into our very own DP library. This allows us to provide reading materials for all of our students.

Every year, Derry Preschool supports students in the education field by inviting them into our classroom to help them complete internship and student teaching requirements.



# Learning through play!

# Curriculum Guide

Our Goal is to offer curriculum activities that will promote a love of learning and encourage curiosity while boosting problem solving and scientific thinking skills.

Our Letter of the Week curriculum is a full 26 weeks that is designed to expose our 3's, 4's and 5's to the alphabet through hands-on activities. Learning about letter formations, phonemic awareness, and personal letter journals are avenues we use to teach pre-reading/writing skills.

Along with our Letter of Week Program, we also incorporate themes that include holidays and seasons to round out our curriculum. Example themes include:



- Getting to Know our Friends (Sept.)
- Fall & Leaves (Oct.)
- Thanksgiving & Turkeys (Nov.)
- Holidays Around the World (Dec.)
- Winter & Hibernation (Jan.)



- Valentines & Presidents (Feb.)
- Spring, Weather & Plants (Mar.)
- Bugs & Butterfly Life Cycle (Apr.)
- Mother's Day & End of School Activities (May)



We believe that social and emotional growth are crucial aspects of a young learner. Our curriculum includes programs that are designed to foster self-esteem and encourage confidence in the classroom!

- Speak and Share (3 year olds)
- Star of the Week (4 year olds)
- VP (5 year olds)

## Creative Enrichment Programs

We offer multiple programs that provide students with the opportunity to extend their day. Each program is unique and reaches a variety of interests. More information and signups are in Parent's Place.

The Programs include:

- KickStart
- Creative Enrichment Programs
- Lunch Bunch
- Early Birds/Late Birds

## CREATIVE ENRICHMENT

Derry Preschool's beloved creative enrichment teacher is Mrs. Neuin! Every month our 4- and 5-year-old classes will get to engage in an art class and a creative movement class! We will also incorporate interactive story days for all ages. We love our enrichment days!

## family-teacher Communication

Regular teacher-family communication through Bloomz. It is powered by Scholastic with a mission to provide better means of connecting families to the classroom. We whole-heartedly agree with this mission and want to work as a team to provide the best learning environment for your child!



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