

Derry Preschool

CURRICULUM GUIDE



LEARNING through play

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.

Social Emotional Learning

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 & Share (3 yo class)
- Star of the Week (4 yo class)
- VIP (5 yo class)

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

Example Themes include:

- Friends & Family (Sept)
- Community Helpers/Halloween (Oct.)
- Thanksgiving fun (Nov.)
- Holidays Around the World (Dec.)
- Hibernation (Jan.)
- Dental Health/Valentine (Feb.)
- St. Patty's/Weather (Mar.)
- Plants/Bugs (Apr.)



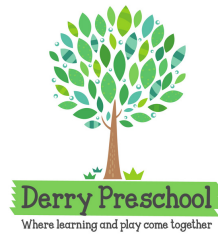
FAMILY - TEACHER COMMUNICATION

We use Bloomz to facilitate regular teacher-family communication. Bloomz is a program 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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EXTENDED DAY CURRICULUM

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 sign ups are in Parent's Place. (in the hallway at DP) and on our website.

The programs include:

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

Creative Enrichment Program
We look forward to partnering with the community to provide a location to host different creative enrichment programs. In the past we have been able to offer yoga, Zumba, ballet and art classes to our students. These classes have all been successful in providing a known environment for your child to try new things!

ART & MUSIC CLASSES

Every month our 3, 4 and 5 year old classes will get to engage in an art class and a music class! During these classes we will be learning songs and dances we look forward to sharing with our families! Our art classes give us an opportunity to use some different art materials and have fun creating! We will also be incorporating interactive story days for all ages as well. We love our enrichment days!

FUN FACTS ABOUT DP

- At Derry Preschool we sponsor a Scholastic Book Fair each year. All of the proceeds go back into our very own DP Library. This allows us to provide current and diverse reading materials for all of our students!
- Derry Preschool partners with Hershey High School's job training program to allow students with special needs gain vocational experience that is crucial for them to gain employment after graduation.
- Derry Preschool has a wonderful Alumni Association that raises money to support our school. They have raised funds which have allowed us to update our playground equipment, purchase a school iPad filled with music and add new materials to our pretend play centers in each classroom.