



4Plus Preschool Classroom Structure

- Parents must sign in/out child prior to picking up and dropping off
- Typical class structure:
 - Circle Time** – Days of the week, weather, finger plays, good morning song, discussion of day's schedule
 - Play Based Centers** – Manipulative play, painting at easel, writing center, dramatic play, reading center
 - Instructional Centers** – Organized craft, math, science and language
 - Snack** – The GEPD will provide healthy foods for each child in the program. Snacks will be peanut/nut-free and generally do not have any high-fructose corn syrup.
 - Circle Time** - Review of the day, story, finger plays, large group activities, science, math, large motor activities
- Birthday celebration for all children in the program.
- One craft project will be made at each class meeting, no pre-cut projects will be considered as this craft project. The projects will be child-centered, which will allow the children to create a project with multiple types of medium, will include a creative writing task associated with the project.
- A monthly calendar and summary will be emailed and posted online to review the subjects that will be covered during the featured month. Announcements of school days off, special parties, special events, etc., will also be communicated through this newsletter.
- Teachers will seek and use parents' knowledge about their children with ongoing assessment and planning. Conferences are held at least once a year as needed and can be done over the phone.
- Parents are welcome visitors and are encouraged to be involved in the program at all times (parent readers, classroom parties, etc)
- Following directions, patience, manners, and listening skills will be reiterated at this level.
- With this age group, projects can be done together as opposed to breaking the group up. This may not be introduced however, until the second semester depending on the chemistry of the students.
- Begin to look at kindergarten standards, making sure lessons are adhering to state recommendations.

Additional information covered: number recognition up to 10; addition shortly after; by the end of the year, addition up to 10; introduction of unifix cubes for math and number lines as outlined by the state of Illinois as a kindergarten standard; sight word recognition; writing - working on proper letter formation, spacing between words, journaling; geography when applicable; and simple science.