

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### **EARLY LEARNERS - meets twice per week for two hours – T, TH (12:30-2:30) T, TH (9-11) W,F (9-11)**

This class provides the first opportunity for children to attend school without a parent. This class introduces the school environment and begins the process of learning about themselves and others. As part of their individual growth, they learn to communicate and interact with other children in appropriate ways; to function in a group setting; to understand boundaries and rules; to become confident and independent as they explore the world around them. Class size – 2 teachers for 8 students.

### **THREEs - meets three times per week for two and one half hours – T, TH, F (9-11:30)**

This class focuses on building self esteem and on developing positive feelings about being in school. Themes are used to present activities that introduce numbers, colors, shapes, science etc., to encourage communication and the use of words, to develop social skills and independence, to encourage creative expression and enhance physical development. The children are given the opportunity to learn to make real choices for themselves. In all activities, it is the process that is important. Emphasis is given to positive behaviors, attitudes, language and the diverse personalities of the children. Class size – 3 teachers for 18 students.

### **THREE / FOURS - meets three times per week for two and one half hours – T, W, TH (12:30-3)**

The mixed age group permits interaction between ages, allowing the older children to act as leaders in play activities. With the developmental levels in mind, this class works on developing skills in social interaction, communicating needs and feelings, becoming comfortable with self, peers, adults and a changing environment. The teachers facilitate learning and encourage the child to be the source of his/her own development through planned daily and weekly themes and hands-on projects. Use of manipulatives, art, books, imaginative play and physical activities foster growth in social and language skills, reading and math readiness and creative expression. This class works on developing fine motor skills through using scissors, stringing beads and other hand-eye coordination activities. Class size – 3 teachers for 18 students.

### **FOURs - meets three times per week for two and one half hours – M, W, F (9-11:30)**

Continuing to focus on building social skills and self esteem, the FOURs class provides age appropriate activities where the children can practice communication between peers and with adults; this can be accomplished through spontaneous creative play as well as group activities which emphasize listening and following directions. This class continues to work on developing fine motor skills through writing letters, numbers, mastering the use of scissors, stringing beads and other hand-eye coordination activities. The children continue to develop reading and math readiness through the use of manipulatives (letter and number recognition, patterns) and games involving beginning sounds. The children make their own choices within the environment the teachers create, which has been set up purposely so the children can achieve success. Class size – 3 teachers for 18 students.

### **PRE-K – meets four times per week for two and one half hours – M, T, W, Th AM (9-11:30) PM (12:30-3)**

The focus of the TK class is to enhance self esteem and individual growth in a shared space, in an environment that promotes trust, communication and exploration. The activities and opportunities presented to the children allow them to develop confidence in interactions with peers and adults; to use materials that encourage thinking, reasoning, questioning and experimenting. This class supports the growth of reading and math readiness through practice with the listening centers, books, letter of the week, manipulatives and sequencing concepts. Children will practice alphabet recognition and simple counting, writing their names. Class size – 3 teachers for 18 students.

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**K-TOO – meets twice per week for two and one half hours – T, TH AM (9-11:30) PM (12:30-3)**

THE K-Too class is for children enrolled in a Kindergarten program. This supplemental class is designed for reinforcement of skills, socialization and exposure to new ideas. This class will focus on skills being learned in kindergarten such as handwriting, listening, cutting as well as exploring areas of specific interest to the children. Class size – 1 teacher for 8 students.

It is important to remember that each child enters class at his/her own developmental level, with needs unique to that child. The teachers strive to guide the children into a cohesive group, while recognizing the needs of each child and placing emphasis on individual growth within a shared environment.