

Welcome to Room A The Little Nemos

Room A is a five day class for four and five year olds. Students in our room are exposed to a wide variety of activities for learning, exploration and making choices. One of the many features of our classroom is the many centers that we offer, including: Housekeeping, Blocks, Science, Art, Writing, Sensory Exploration, Reading Center, Computer, Table Top Toys, Math and Listening Center.

Classroom theme: Each classroom has a theme and color. Our theme is fish and we call ourselves the “Little Nemos”. Our class color is green. Each child will have a tie-dyed class shirt which may be worn every Friday and on all of our field trips. New Students will have the option of purchasing one of our extra tie-dyed shirts. The students really look forward to wearing their tie-dyed shirt.

Classroom Pet: Our classroom pet is Nemo, a Beta fish. The children will take turns feeding Nemo and will be learning all about the responsibilities that come with caring for a pet. Please stop by the classroom to meet Nemo.

The Curriculum: Creative Curriculum for Preschool is the foundation for our educational program. Creative Curriculum targets the following learning areas: Social, Personal and Emotional; Language and Literacy; Physical, Health and Motor; Creativity and Arts; Mathematics and Logical Thinking; Scientific and Problem Solving and Social Studies. Our classroom offers a balance of active and passive activities daily. We will plan many of our learning activities based on the emerging interest of the children in our room.

Field Trips: Ideally, our field trips are scheduled to complement curriculum themes and children’s interests. Typically, we visit the Fire Station, Commissary, Library and the Post Office. We sometimes have Listening Walks to facilitate learning opportunities for the children in settings outside of the classroom. All children must have a signed permission slip on file to attend each field trip. Family participation is important to ensure the success of our field trips.

Family and Teaching Team Conferences: Conferences will be held three times a year. Each family is asked to attend a conference at least one time during the school year but is welcome to attend all Family and Teaching Team Conferences. Sign up sheets for conferences will be made available two weeks prior to the conference dates.

Preschool Newsletter: Each month your family will receive a newsletter. This newsletter is your central source of information about the ongoing activities in our classroom. Please read the newsletter as this is our primary mean of communicating with families. Additional communication will be sent home as needed.

Messages for teaching team and office: Please ensure that all messages for the teachers or the office are in writing. We cannot accept verbal messages from the children. Any last minutes notifications can be made via telephone to the office by calling 243-4436. If you need to address concerns with the teaching team, we are available before 8:30 in the morning and after 1:00 pm in the afternoon.

Toys and other items from home: Children should not bring toys or other items from home to school, with the exception of items for “Show and Tell” or when previously arranged with the teaching team. No toy weapons or other such toys shall be brought into the classroom at any time. Items that complement curriculum themes are encouraged.

What to wear and bring to school: Children may get dirty at school as they play, or during our many activities requiring painting, gluing and other messy mediums that occur each day. We encourage parents to dress their child in clothing that can withstand wear and tear. Additionally, clothing should not

interfere with the child’s ability to independently use the toilet. All clothing should be labeled with the child’s name. Children need to bring their backpack to school each day along with an extra set of clothing, including socks, that has been labeled and is weather appropriate.

Birthday Celebrations: Monthly birthday party dates will be determined by the teacher and the classroom parent as she coordinates with the family members of children celebrating birthdays during that month. Families will have the option to bring in a variety of items to contribute to the party. Please contact our room parent if you have any questions regarding this matter or you can approach one of the teachers.

Pick up and Drop off Policies: Children will not be allowed to leave with anyone except the child’s family or persons designated on the emergency contact list in the Office. If someone else is going to pick up your child, you must notify the Office in person or by written notification. Your child will not be released to siblings under the age of 12.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are always welcome in our classroom. Volunteer opportunities are listed on the board outside of our classroom. Some of them are: Toy sanitation (take home), Friday Guest Reader (read a book to the children), Field Trips, Birthdays, Classroom Volunteer and Bulletin Board helper (help change the Monthly Bulletin Board in the hallway).

Health Policy: Each morning when your child arrives in the classroom, they will be greeted and informally checked to determine their health. If a child arrives ill, listless or has a fever, the teachers or Director will not allow the child to be dropped off. Should the child become sick during the day, the teachers will notify the Office and, in turn, the Office will contact the family or emergency contacts. Also, we ask parents to apply sunscreen before school because we are not allowed to do this at the preschool.

Thank you,
Room A Staff

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Daily Schedule

8:30	Arrival
8:30 – 9:00	Table Top Toys
9:00 – 9:20	Circle Time
9:20 – 9:30	Bathroom Break
9:30 – 10:00	Art, Language, Science, Math
10:00 – 10:10	Clean-Up/ Hand washing
10:10 – 10:30	Snack
10:30 – 10:40	Bathroom Break
10:40 – 11:10	Centers
11:10 – 11:20	Clean-Up
11:20 – 11:30	Bathroom Break
11:30 – 12:00	Outside Play
12:00 – 12:10	Bathroom/Hand washing
12:10 – 12:35	Lunch
12:35 – 12:45	Tooth brushing
	Story Time
12:45 – 1:00	Get ready to go home