

North Fayette Preschool



Three Year Old Program

The three year old program is an excellent introduction to a structured classroom setting and is designed to prepare students for success in the four year old program.

While in the three year old classroom, students work in a community of 12 peers. One teacher and one teacher's aide help to foster the students' social growth and independence by engaging them in fun and creative activities, using positive reinforcement and encouragement, and by following a structured schedule and routine that provide predictability. Students meet for class 2 days a week for 2.5 hours. While in class, students are working on building and strengthening their foundational skill set to help prepare for transition into the four year old, pre-k, class.

Some of the concepts & skills that are focused on include:

- Identifying, tracing and writing first names
- Identification of basic shapes and colors
- Sorting, lacing, cutting
- Identification of alphabet letters and sounds
- Identification of numbers 1-10
- Counting objects up to 10

Built into the structured schedule, students have several opportunities to engage in free play/choice time. While having free play/choice time, the students are still learning valuable skills such as sharing, cooperation, taking turns, making choices, and being a good friend. Teachers help to reinforce good choices during these unstructured periods with *lots* of praise and positive reinforcement along with redirection. During each class period, the students have a small snack which provides additional opportunities to build social skills like taking turns, using manners, following directions and cleaning up.