

WHAT ABOUT CLASS SIZE?

The class size should be small to ensure individual attention throughout the day. Some schools focus on a student to teacher ratio, meaning there could be 18 or more children in a single classroom. This means if one child is struggling, one teacher will be helping them while the other teacher is left with the 17 other children. It is best to have a small class size with one teacher who can easily spread out her focus on her individual students. Our class size is limited to 9-10.

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL FOCUS?

Some preschools spend all their time on the ABC's, while other preschools use the free-learning approach where the child chooses what to do all day. Knowing what is best for your child can seem confusing. A 1991 study showed that students in schools with an arts focused curriculum reported significantly more positive perceptions about their academic abilities. A University in California (Irvine) reported that preschoolers showed a 46% boost in their spatial reasoning IQ after only eight months of piano instruction.

Our school uses the arts, especially music to enhance and increase academic learning and social skills. We teach them how to play songs on the piano, all piano note names and basic note rhythms. We use dozens of other instruments for activities in listening, sorting, graphing, orchestra play and more. We also use singing and movement songs to teach good social interactions and increase coordination as well as right hand and left hand recognition.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT MY CHILD IS LEARNING?

Preschoolers are at an age when they cannot always remember, or may not be able to express clearly what they did during a day of school. It can be frustrating for a parent to ask "What did you learn about today?" and their child only tells them what they had for a snack.

We have had many years experience teaching children and working with parents and we understand the importance of good communication between teacher, school and parent. We have various mediums a parent can use to get the information they are looking for:

- ✓ Front desk always available to assist you
- ✓ Parent teacher conference times
- ✓ Informative bulletin boards and website
- ✓ Yearly calendar
- ✓ Parent days
- ✓ Open door policy for parents to attend class at any time