

The Lovebugs

The Lovebugs classroom is our Preschool program. Please be aware that even though we are in a child care setting, this is a Pre-School Program, which will prepare your child for elementary school. Our program is structured, with many educational objectives throughout the year. The purpose of our program is to allow your child to grow physically, emotionally, and cognitively. We are preparing your child for a school setting so they are ready for their future years in school. It is also to prepare them for the Pre-Kindergarten classroom, which will develop their skills in preparation for Kindergarten.

Curriculum

During the school year we learn many new and exciting concepts. We review shapes, colors, and body parts. We learn to spell our first and last names, addresses, phone numbers, counting to 100, number recognition to 20, opposites, scissor skills, sequencing, and the alphabet through recognition and sound. We have a letter of the week starting with the letter Aa and proceeding through the alphabet. We will start off slowly until the children adjust to the structure and routine of the classroom. We will practice tracing letters and names. We introduce scissor skills and safety and continue this skill throughout the year. Scissor skills along with holding a pencil properly will enforce your child's fine motor skills. These skills will be very valuable as the children spend more time writing in the Fireflies program. We believe learning should be fun and in a no pressure atmosphere. We learn through puppets, beanbags, flashcards, blocks, and other forms of hands-on play.

Meals

Breakfast is served from 5:45 am to 8:30 am. If your child arrives after 8:30 am, they must be fed at home. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. If your child arrives after 12:30, please be sure they have already eaten. All breakfast and lunch items should be in disposable bags or wrap (no Tupperware). A thermos for hot food is acceptable but must be taken home each night to be washed thoroughly. We cannot microwave lunches; any lunch that needs to be served hot should be heated and brought in a thermos. Angels Alley will provide all utensils, plates, bowls, and beverages to the children at all meals. Please be sure that all items and lunches are labeled with your child's name. There is a refrigerator in our classroom for lunches to be stored.

Rest Time

We are required by law to ensure that all children receive a rest period during their day with us. If your child arrives at school prior to 1:30 pm, he/she must rest on a cot. Please be sure your child has a crib size sheet and small blanket for rest time. Small pillows and/or stuffed toys are allowed if they are able to fit in your child's back pack. Other than rest time, toys from home are not permitted.

Health

If your child has any allergies, please be sure to share that with one of the classroom teachers so that they may be added to the classroom allergy chart. Please see the Angels Alley policy on Medication Administration and Illnesses in the Parent Handbook.

Other Information

Show and Tell is every Friday. Please bring in a show and tell item that corresponds with our letter of the week. This activity allows us to reinforce the sound with the letter we are working on.

Books to share are always welcome in our classroom. If your child would like to bring something in to share with his friends, please bring a book, no toys.

Friday is video day in the Lovebugs. Feel free to send in G-rated videos or DVDs to share with our class.

Parent participation is extremely important to us and we will make you aware when parent participation is needed. Holiday parties and festivities are always well staffed and we rarely need extra help on these days. Please be on the look out for times when we need assistance from our parents. We have an open door policy. You are more than welcome to visit with your child during the day. However, we ask that you take your child out of the classroom during activities so as not to distract the rest of the class.

The children in the Lovebugs should all be completely potty trained. Please be mindful of difficult snaps, suspenders, and belts when dressing your child for school, in order to avoid accidents.

Birthday/Celebrations

Birthdays and special occasions are very important for the children and we welcome parents to bring in special treats (cupcakes, donuts, treat bags, hats, etc.). If you would like to order pizza for the class, we can give you the name of a local pizzeria who delivers to our school. We ask that you place the order and provide us with the money to pay for the delivery. We will inform you of the number of children in the classroom that day. Parents are always welcome to enjoy the celebration with their child. Formal party activities, such as clowns, games, magicians, pinatas, etc, will not be permitted during school. In addition, invitations should not be distributed in school, however, we will give you parent's extension numbers for you to contact them directly.

Communication

There is a dry erase board outside our classroom which will detail themes for the month. There is one inside the classroom detailing daily activities. Each child has a hook on the bathroom door where important information and your child's papers will be. Please be sure to take these home on a daily basis and look through them. Also, please look in the Angels Alley newsletters for information about upcoming events and activities in the Lovebugs classroom.

We believe it is very important to accommodate parents while simultaneously conducting a structures, pleasant, and educational classroom. An environment where children will feel safe and adequately prepared for school is what we strive for each day. After doing this for many years, we feel that the policies and procedures we have described will allow us to accomplish our mission. Your respect and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime with your questions or concerns.

Miss Sandy
Miss Emily

