

Early Childhood Center
Four-Year-Old Afternoon Electives
Lunch, Rest Time & Class
12:00–2:30pm

Please note: The curriculum changes semester to semester

Little Picassos

An opportunity to expand awareness and experience the styles and methods of making arts and crafts. Children will explore and experiment with materials and equipment in a variety of unique modules, relating to the “Great Artists”.

Super Science

Children ask the best questions about how the world ticks. Through hands-on experiments and explorations, the fours will enter “the science lab”. Topics include insects, gravity, astronomy, chemistry, density and more!

Let’s Be Friends

Children will be involved in a variety of activities which will sharpen socialization skills needed for success. The focus will be on navigating social relationships, managing and resolving conflicts and encouraging assertive behavior. Emphasis is placed on independence, self confidence, leadership qualities and self-esteem. ALL WHILE HAVING FUN! Run by ECC Social Worker and Staff.

Let the Show Begin

Calling all actors and actresses. Be part of the drama. We will create costumes, puppets, props, scenery and scripts based on original, folk and picture book stories. Then we will put on shows. Great class for children who love to act and perform.

Count Me In

Count Me In is an innovative way to teach children to enjoy math. Early principles of math sets a foundation for easier transition to math in the elementary levels of school. We will be learning basic math skills through various games and pre-k worksheets. A lot of our math activities are geared towards a STEAM curriculum. We also believe that children learn by implementing many different techniques. One of the methods we use is kinesthetic learning. We have found that children have more fun learning while in motion

Little Chefs – NUT FREE

Children’s literature related to eating and cooking provides a rich exposure to a variety of learning experiences including: math (counting, measuring, fractions, etc.), science concepts (mixtures, heat, cold, etc.), and other cultures. Simple, fun and yummy recipes for all to enjoy.

Lego Fun

Lego’s inspire learning while immersed in play. The children will be using a wide variety of skills: Fine Motor, math, literacy, science and social all while having fun. They will have the opportunity to explore and build using their imaginations as well as teacher led instruction. There are so many exciting and educational experiences children can have with Legos.

Budding Young Architects

Children will become familiar with National Landmarks as they explore the world of architecture and engineering. They will create their own structures using their imagination through a variety of materials. Problem solving, collaborative play, math skills and engineering are all part of the STEAM concept. Most importantly the class will focus on the process, not the finished product.

Tae Kwon Do

The art of self-defense that originated in Korea. It is recognized as one of the oldest forms of martial arts in the world, reaching back over 2,000 years. The name was selected for its appropriate description of the art.

Tae (foot), Kwon (hand), Do (art). *Instructor: Master David Moradi & ECC Staff*

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Ballet & Tap

Ballet/Tap is a great introductory class for young dancers. In this class they will explore both styles and learn basic vocabulary with an emphasis on rhythm. Children will have fun learning technique as well as exploring creative movement ideas. Tutus and other fun props will be provided. Dancers should have their own ballet & tap shoes. Run by Ballet/Tap Instructor and ECC Staff.

Fun & Games

Board games have SO much to teach young children. Simple skills like taking turns, good sportsmanship and problem solving are emphasized when children engage in board games. They are learning number recognition, grouping and counting, letter recognition and so much more. It's a fun and safe way to enhance social skills! Some game choices (but not limited to) are Chutes and Ladders, Connect 4 and Boggle Junior.

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OPTION

Monday (2:30 – 3:15 PM)

HOORAY FOR HOOPS BASKETBALL CLASSES – offered to 3's and 4's

(Sign up directly with Nan Elmore from Happy Feet)

This class begins right after the 2:30 dismissal.

Fred The Frog – our bright-green, high-bouncing, child-sized basketball -- lives in a swamp but just doesn't like to get wet! Children quickly learn to dribble the ball (& MANY more skills!) while helping Fred hop from lily pad to lily pad & zoom around the swamp! Great fundamental skill development, builds hand/eye coordination as well as gross motor skill growth along with our constant commitment to building effective communication among the children... all in a totally child-friendly & engaging setting! Please contact Nan Elmore @ Nan@happysoccerfeet.com for registration or additional questions.

OPTION

Wednesday (2:30 – 3:15 PM)

ARTISTREE BROADWAY CLASS – offered to 3's and 4's

(Sign up directly with Artistree)

Artistree Performing Arts is once again excited to bring their Preschool Broadway Class to WRT. These classes turn the spotlight away from the teachers and now the children take the stage! Preschool Broadway is designed to be a child's first real introduction to performing and is equally perfect for those who are already singing and dancing all over the house as well as those who feel shy to get up in front of other people. Each week children are introduced to a different Broadway show through acting games, singing and dancing. The semester culminates with an in-class performance for family and friends!

Please register online at www.artistreearts.com/events/WRTPreschoolBroadway or contact Heather Capelle @ heather@artistreearts.com for additional questions.

OPTION

Friday (12:00-12:45PM) or (2:30 – 3:15 PM)

HAPPY FEET SOCCER CLASSES – offered to 3's and 4's

(Sign up directly with Nan Elmore from Happy Feet)

Our special Happy Feet soccer classes continue. There is a class beginning right after the 12:00 dismissal. For those who join the Friday PM classes and don't want to miss Happy Feet, we offer a 2:30 session as well.

Every class is a wonderful, zany, action-packed adventure with Bob the Bobcat (our bright yellow smiley-faced soccer ball!) & his many antics! Children are introduced to the fundamental skills of soccer, positioned as totally age appropriate. The pace & games progress with the children's skills, and key skills mastered include Foundation Moves, Drag-Backs, Scissors, Step-Overs and more. As well, there are huge gains in balance, coordination, agility & overall fitness strength. We focus on the 'FUN FACTOR' of playing a team sport plus an emphasis on building sportsmanship, responsibility, listening and good communication skills. Please contact Nan Elmore @ Nan@happysoccerfeet.com for registration or additional questions.