

"Extended" Day VPK Students

"Extended" hours are as follows:

Mon-Fri 6:30-6:00

If your child stays for lunch/nap, please bring the following items:

1. A well balanced lunch- lunch box should be labeled with your child's first and last name. Include 2 snacks for the morning and afternoon.
2. A crib sized fitted sheet and blanket. A travel size pillow if needed. Please make sure everything is labeled with their first and last name.

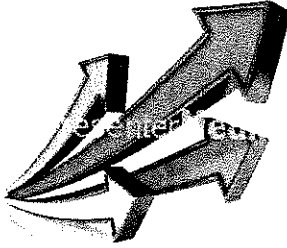
Curriculum

At Creative Arts Early Learning Academy, we follow the Creative Curriculum infused with all domains of Early Childhood Development. Your child will grow academically in letter recognition and sounds, critical thinking, math, science, social studies, and motor skills. We also believe strongly in social and emotional growth. Your child will develop these skills through the use of our Peaceful Classroom Curriculum. At Creative Arts Early Learning Academy, your child will receive lessons in music, art, yoga, and health.

Where's this and that?

Folders, backpacks, ohhh myyy...

We like to keep our school organized so each child will have a place with their name on it located outside our room. We will also have hooks labeled for the children who have joined our enrichment program, they will take a nap on enrichment days. If, for some reason, your child does not have an area labeled for their belongings please let me know. Folders are located on top of your child's cubby.



Moving Three's to VPK

What makes our classrooms different from the three-year-old classroom?

In VPK we expect your child to be potty trained, we do however understand if accidents happen from time to time. In our classroom we still follow the Creative Arts curriculum that your child has been learning in the three-year-old program. They will continue to develop the many skills already introduced in the three-year old room here, but we will be introducing new concepts like sight words and homework to prepare them for Kindergarten.

Assessments

VPK students are assessed 3 times during the school year followed by the parent/teacher conferences. The assessments have been developed by the Florida Department of Education. These assessments are administered to make sure that your child is on track and ready for Kindergarten.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Monday and needs to be returned on Friday. Homework reinforces the lessons learned and gives parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's education.

Change of Clothes

Even big kids need a change of clothes at school. It is our experience that they need the change of clothes because they get messy during art, wet during water play, or spill something on them during snack. Rarely do bathroom accidents happen, but sometimes they do happen, so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, be sure that the gallon Ziploc bag in their cubby ALWAYS has a change of clothes in it.



Classroom Rules and Discipline Approach

Classroom rules are as follows:

1. We follow directions
2. We keep our feet and hands to ourselves
3. We put away the things we use
4. We use walking feet
5. We use inside voices
6. We are kind to our friends and to the things in our classroom

To reinforce great behavior, we use a variety of rewards such as stickers, stamps, etc.

Discipline is handled with a positive approach. We talk through the situation, always asking what they should have done instead of what they chose to do and affirming how smart they are by giving the answer they did. An expectation is given that they will follow the rules by making good choices.

Re-direction is also an approach used in the classroom as well. Sometimes a situation in the classroom may not warrant a discussion, but change of a center or moving them from who they are sitting by will correct the behavior and the situation ends.

Arrival Time

Circle Time begins promptly at 8:30am or 9:00am. We understand that late arrivals will happen occasionally. If you are dropping off late please open the door and let your child into the classroom quietly! If your child is more than 10 minutes late then your child will not be permitted into the classroom. Your child is welcome to return to school after VPK hours (8:30 to 11:30 or 9:00 to 12:00). Circle time is an important part of the learning process for all children and distractions are not welcomed. Thank you for understanding that VPK is a learning environment.