

Prekindergarten Curriculum

All Ready To Learn Curriculum – This curriculum is activity based, provides choices, encourages higher level thinking, promotes physical activity, and encourages creative expression. “All Ready To Learn” was developed by Mary Ann Giraud with input from members of “Mentoring Minds” and is published by Champions for Children in Smith County. Lessons are presented on a daily basis.

Wee Learn Curriculum is used as a curriculum supplement. The curriculum is activity based and encourages children’s continuing development of receptive and expressive language vocabulary. Targeted skills include: listening skills; self-help skills; cognitive skills, social and emotional skills, and critical thinking skills.

Prekindergarten Nature/Science: The children will experience nature and science in their world. They will use their senses to discover various areas presented to them. Investigating and exploring helps to satisfy their curiosity. Students will enjoy a special **Nature Class** every day where the **Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills** are used to develop appropriate lessons.

Prekindergarten Social Studies: Four year olds enjoy learning about the world around them. Social studies begins with learning about themselves; extends to family, to friends, to school, and to community in ever-widening circles. At PCC we often use in house special events or field trip excursions to enhance social studies lessons. For example, after learning about “farms,” playing “farm,” seeing short films about “farm animals,” teachers may schedule a field trip to a farm.

Prekindergarten Library: Students will be able to check-out books from the school library on a regular basis. There will be story time each Friday with time allotted for children to choose the perfect book that they want to take home with them for a week. Book check-out is based on parental permission as the parents are responsible for the safe return of the books.

Prekindergarten Music: Music and Movement is a favorite time of day for most preschoolers. They love to learn the movements to songs for young children and to interact with their teacher and friends during this special time of the day. Moving to music encourages the development of gross motor skills, listening skills, and anticipation skills. Children love using the rhythm band instruments and developing songs and activities for programs during this fun class.

Chapel: PCC students ages two and older attend chapel lessons each week. Children enjoy this large group activity where bible stories are presented in appropriate fashion for the young child. Teachers reinforce the lesson of the bible story in their classrooms throughout the week.

Computer Lab: In today's world many young children are already computer savvy when they enter preschool. At PCC we use the computer lab to enhance computer skills through age appropriate games and activities designed to teach readiness skills for language arts and math.

Art: Creative expression is often used in the classroom to enhance lessons. At PCC we also have **Art Class** each week. Students will have an opportunity to visit the art room and use many different mediums as they enjoy creating their own artistic projects. Many art lessons will be designed to support fine motor development and creative expression. Individual and group projects will be enjoyed in the PCC art class.