Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

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Philosophy

Provide a program where every parent will know his/her child is surrounded by love in a stimulating, play-based, and age-appropriate environment.
Classroom Tour
Motor Behavior

• Walks, runs, climbs with new confidence
  • Loves to romp, flee, chase
• No longer toddles; walks more steadily,
  • but still lacks coordination
• Experiences through touching, handling, and holding
• Uses both hands to work together

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Language Behavior

- Uses many new words
  (40 words at 2 years to 1000 words at 3 years)
- Enjoys simple rhymes and songs
- Calls himself or herself by name
- Understands more than he/she can express
- Begins to string words together
Personal-Social Behavior

- Has difficulty being flexible, waiting, and giving in
  - Prefers parallel play
  - Imitates real life experiences such as cooking, hammering, talking on the phone
  - Is more skilled at undressing than dressing

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Learning Behavior

- Has a short attention span and is easily distracted
- Has to look with hands as well as eyes; explores through touch
- Involves himself/herself in simple exploration and investigation throughout the typical day
- Is fascinated by water and sand play
- Likes repetition and routine
Daily Schedule

Acorns Daily Schedule

8:30-9:00 Arrival & Free Choice
9:00-10:00 Snack, Free Choice, Art
10:00-10:15 Morning Meeting
10:15-11:00 Outside & Specials
11:00-11:20 Free Choice (diaper change/wash hands)
11:20-11:50 Lunch
11:50-12:00 Clean/Pack up/Story & Songs
   Dismissal for half-day students
12:00-12:30 Outside/Bathroom
   12:30-2:30 Nap
2:30-2:45 Snack/Diaper Change
2:45-3:00 Pack & Closing Song

*Early morning care and Extended Day are not available to Acorns*
Arrival 8:00-9:00

- We provide the tote-bags
- Each child has own space for coats & totes.
Free Choice

Art, Tactile table, kitchen, dress up, loft, puzzles

table activities, books, Cozy Corner, blocks
Snack 9:00-9:30

Labeled sippy cups brought from home
Chairs labeled
Aware of Allergies

Snack provided by school.
Morning Meeting 9:30-9:45

• use music to transition through clean up to morning meeting
• each child has an assigned square to sit in
• sing Good Morning Children (Dr Jean)
• select Snuggle Puppy (sing/weather)
• Story/Song
• Magic Rock
Outside 9:45-10:45

PLAY
Specials 10:45-11:00

Art * Baby Yoga * Library * Music * Spanish * PE *

*one teacher takes a 10 minute break*
Lunch Transition

• One teacher takes a 30 minute lunch
• Other teacher changes diapers, washes hands
• Ann Lancaster helps in the classroom so we stay in ratio
Lunch 11:20-11:45

- eat Family Style in our classroom
- Dining Hall provides food
- allergy signs
- each child has assigned seat
- use timer to end lunch
- children throw away cup/napkin
Half-day Dismissal & Full Day Outside 11:45-12:15
Nap 12:15-2:30

• each child is has a labeled cot, blanket, basket
• Each child can bring in a lovey
• Music and sound machine
• Back patters chairs for us to rub backs and rock
• Napping children help put away basket/blanket & lovey.
• Quick diaper change and bathroom break.
• Meet at horseshoe table for snack.
• Put sippy cup in tote bag.
Snack & Dismissal 2:30-3:00

• Children sing Good-bye to their friends, flip on their coat, and grab their tote bags.
• Walk to bench where we sit and wait for mom/dad/special friends to pick us up!
Theme

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2 week theme
Morning Meeting Activities

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

My Many Colored Days
By Dr. Seuss
Paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher
Recipe for Green Slime

1½ cups Glue
1 cup sta-flo (liquid starch)
Food Coloring
Recipe for Color Fizz

• 4 plates
• baking soda
• Droppers
• Vinegar
• Food coloring
Art Projects

- Rainbow Sponge Painting
- Color Mixing Bags on Windows
- Rolling Ball Painting
- Glue Squeeze & Jello Shake
Tactile Table/Light Table

Light Table:
transparent colored blocks and magnet tiles

Tactile: Noodles & Rice with a tube run and dump
Free Choice

- Color Boxes
- Bear Sorting
- Sock Sorting
- Color Blocks
- Color Glasses
- Kool-Aid Play-doh