

August 19, 2019

Dear Parents of PK I Classes,

Welcome to our wonderful preschool, Merdinian. I am privileged to be part of this family. My mission is to accompany each child in his/her growth process through music making. In music class we learn popular nursery rhymes both in Armenian and English. We also incorporate body movements and clapping exercises to increase children's active participation level. Additionally, we use small musical, rhythmic instruments to make the learning experience more interesting and fun.

Since 3-year old children have limited vocabulary baggage, engaging them in various activities during the learning process, clarifies and helps them understand the meaning of the words, such as talking about the season, touching autumn leaves, or imitating animal sounds. Some of the songs, in which we could apply those movements and exercises are: Little Fingers, If You're Happy, Open Shut Them, etc. Children will better comprehend the meaning of those words through hand expression and body movements.

We will review the rhymes and songs we learn in order to participate in the school assemblies.

I hope this school year will be an excellent enrichment opportunity for our young students.

Sincerely,

Alice Derkevorkian (music teacher)

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Curriculum for Preschool I (3-4 Yrs.)

Rules
God Follow Share Grow
Feelings Pray Activities
Jesus **Learn** Armenian Parents
Diversity Hands
Culture Grandparents Listen
Teachers Friendship Help
Love Respect Celebrate
Play



Note: Based on the children's developmental progress preschool curriculum is subject to change.

September

Theme: All about me

Value: Helping others

Language Arts and Social Studies

- ❖ Emotions and self awareness within the child's family context and school
- ❖ Friendship, sharing, and communicating
- ❖ Labor day
- ❖ National Grandparents' Day (Second Sunday the 13th)
- ❖ Re-establishment of the Armenian Independence

Science and Nutrition

- ❖ Summer to fall- weather change
- ❖ Apples (Peeling and tasting)
- ❖ Leaves (Color and texture)
- ❖ Color: Red

Math

- ❖ Introduction to # 1
- ❖ Shape : Circle
- ❖ Opposites: Hard and soft

Music and Body Movement

- ❖ Listening skills
- ❖ Songs, hand motion, and finger play

Physical Development

- ❖ Small muscle development (Play-dough)
- ❖ Large muscle development (Outdoor play and tricycle)

November

Theme: Family and cultural traditions

Value: Patience

Language Arts and Social Studies

- ❖ English – Introduction to letter: “A a”
- ❖ Armenian- Introduction to letter: u
- ❖ Thanksgiving, Native Americans, and Pilgrims
- ❖ Kitchen use and safety

Science and Nutrition

- ❖ Cooking with fall vegetables (Sight, touch, smell, taste)
- ❖ Animals: Feathered birds (Turkey)
- ❖ Measuring utensils
- ❖ Color: Yellow

Math

- ❖ Introduction to # 3
- ❖ Shape: Square
- ❖ Spatial relations: Up/ down

Music and Body Movement

- ❖ Distinguish between loud and soft music
- ❖ Musical percussion instruments: Drums and cymbals

Physical Development

- ❖ Walking forward on a line and hopping
- ❖ Practice catching minimum of a 10” soft ball with both hands

January

Theme: Winter animals

Value: Teamwork

Language Arts and Social Studies

- ❖ English – Introduction to letter: “C c”
- ❖ Armenian- Introduction to letter: ա
- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr.

Science and Nutrition

- ❖ Winter: Changes in weather, clothes, foods and activities
- ❖ Animal life in cold places- hibernation
- ❖ Sense: Cold
- ❖ Liquid/solid- water/ice (Sink/float)
- ❖ Color: Blue

Math

- ❖ Introduction to # 5
- ❖ Shape: Star
- ❖ Concept: More/less

Music and Body Movement

- ❖ Sing with a high and low pitch voice
- ❖ Musical percussion instruments: Triangles and tambourines

Physical Development

- ❖ Penguin walk and body movements
- ❖ Jumping in loops

March

Theme: Spring meadow

Value: Being polite

Language Arts and Social Studies

- ❖ English: Introduction to letters "E e"
- ❖ Armenian: Introduction to letters: Է
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ Easter
- ❖ National Nutrition Month

Science and Nutrition

- ❖ Change of season- winter to spring
- ❖ Spring flowers, fruits, and vegetables
- ❖ Insects and bugs in the meadow
- ❖ Color: Purple (Mix red and blue)

Math

- ❖ Introduction to # 7
- ❖ Shape: Oval
- ❖ Spatial relation: Over/under

Music and Body Movement

- ❖ Dancing with scarves- flying like butterflies

Physical Development

- ❖ Obstacle course

May

Theme: Mother's Day and year end pageant

Value: Responsibility and empathy

Language Arts and Social Studies

- ❖ English: Introduction to letters " G g" and review all the letters
- ❖ Armenian: Introduction to letters: լ and review all the letters
- ❖ Armenian Independence Day
- ❖ Mothers' Day
- ❖ Fish/ sea, land, shore
- ❖ Fishermen as community helpers

Science and Nutrition

- ❖ Summer fruit salad
- ❖ Color: Black and white/ comprehensive review

Math

- ❖ Introduction to #s 9 and 10 and comprehensive review
- ❖ Concept: Heavy/light
- ❖ Shape: Comprehensive review

Music and Body Movement

- ❖ Preschool year- end pageant music and dance practice

Physical Development

- ❖ Practice for year-end pageant