

Mt. View Co-op Early Childhood Curriculum



Our Goals:

- To help children become enthusiastic learners.
- To encourage children to be active and creative explorers.
- To help children become independent.
- To encourage the Love of Self – and the Love of Others.

Our Major focus is to give children experience in early childhood that will help them gain skills and understand concepts when they are ready. We believe in facilitating learning by offering an environment designed to support free choice and active learning.

We will be working these skills and concepts:

Language, Problem Solving, Cooperation, Endurance/Attention Span, Listening, Expressing Needs and Wants, Turn Taking, Impulse Control, Negotiation for Resources, Science, Curiosity, Decision Making, Getting Attention in Appropriate Ways

Mathematics:

Classifying
Patterning
Sequencing
Counting
Numbers
Ordering

Reading/Writing Readiness:

Visual Discrimination
Fine Motor
Eye-Hand Coordination
Risk Taking
Print Awareness
Letter Knowledge

The environment where learning takes place:

Block Center, House Keeping Center, Science Center, Art Center, Library/Reading Center, Center Time, Story Time, Snack Time, Music/Movement, Large Muscle Center, Outdoor Play

Parents working cooperatively in Co-Op:

- Know what it means to be a member. Read the policies, bylaws and handbooks. Know what you have agreed to do when you signed the registration form.
- Learn about your committee or board position. Know who to ask for help.
- Stay informed. Read all announcements, newsletters, bulletin boards, work and field trip schedules, and observe a board meeting.
- Help each other succeed and take pride in each other's successes.
- Speak positively about each other and your organization at every opportunity.
- Try to do things with enthusiasm – it's contagious.
- Remember what it was like to be new and a little overwhelmed. Take time to introduce yourself.
- Keep in mind that the facility you are in is not yours – it is to be kept clean and all rules observed regarding posting signs, parking, which door to walk in, and use of telephones.
- Let your voice be heard! Answer surveys, put ideas in the suggestion box, ask for conferences with any officer, teacher or instructor, join a committee or the board.
- Support parent when their child is acting out – it happens to most parents at some point, and it is always distressing!