



## Lollipop Tree Three Year Old Program Overview

The first priority of Lollipop Tree Nursery School is to create a safe, nurturing and comfortable learning environment where our young children can explore, experiment, socialize and have fun. With this philosophy in mind, our three year old classrooms are designed around play centers that encourage building, creative art, dramatic play and quiet reading. Children are free to enjoy these centers which encourage learning through play. Outdoor recess, with bikes, as well as the weekly use of our fully equipped gym room gives the children additional time to socialize and develop their gross motor skills.

Daily classroom activities such as circle time, art, show and tell, story time and music introduce and reinforce listening skills, good manners and respect for others. Our overall curriculum encourages independence and builds self-esteem. The alphabet is introduced through art projects, finger plays and classroom games. The three year old children study interesting units such as China, Community Helpers, Transportation, Nature & Science and reinforcement of numbers, shapes and colors. We end our year with a Circus unit and we even have a carnival.

Careful attention is given to the development of fine motor skills. Puzzles, stencils, pencils, makers, scissors and manipulatives are used daily to help enhance fine motor skills.

Our early afternoon time gives the children an opportunity to experience and enjoy lunch with friends. Many of our snacks and special treats, which usually correspond to our units, are baked at the school with the help of the children.

Our three year old children also participate in additional enrichment programs that are beneficial to their growth and development. Trained professionals visit the school each month to teach music and gymnastics. We also offer Spanish classes after school on Fridays. In addition, a West Hartford librarian visits every other month.

We end our year with a wonderful Spring Show that will showcase your child's music and dancing talents!

As you can see, our three year old program provides a variety of imaginative play and fun. Our goal is to set the foundation for a life long journey toward independence and learning.

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