



Lollipop Tree Four Year Old Program Overview

The 4 year old program at Lollipop Tree Nursery School expands on the skills and learning experiences that have been introduced in the 2 and 3 year old classrooms. Our four year old children enjoy a program that is designed to balance free play and social interaction with the flexible structure of an educational preschool. This balance helps to prepare your children for kindergarten.

We believe that the children learn through playing. The 4 year old classroom at Lollipop Tree has play centers featuring building blocks, tables for puzzles and games, an art center, a science and math center and plenty of space for dramatic play and dress up. Daily free play allows the children to explore these areas and encourages independence, creative thinking and sociability. We also have a spacious, fully equipped gym room where the children are free to run, climb and tumble. Outside there is a large play area with sand, a play scape with swings and a hard top bike area with all types of riding toys.

During the more structured part of the day our four year old program offers a variety of learning experiences. Our theme based curriculum allows us to focus on particular subjects using art projects, stories, games and music which enhance the subject. We also include math games and cooking in our program in order to keep the children interested and excited about learning. Some of the many units we offer include: the ocean, dinosaurs and the rainforest. We also reinforce the alphabet, numbers and colors through a variety of media. We celebrate the seasons, follow changes in the daily weather and the days, weeks, and month of the year. We also celebrate all holidays and each child's birthday.

The four year old program prepares the children for kindergarten. Language, following directions and taking turns are all learned skills that are reinforced each day. The children learn to be caring and respectful of others. While at the same time gaining confidence and increasing their understanding of the world around them.

We have a monthly music and gymnastics program along with library class other every month. We also offer an after school Spanish program and a math and science enrichment program called "Wizards." The four year old program also includes field trips to the Pumpkin Patch and the Recycle Center. These field trips work in conjunction with our units. In November, parents are invited to a Thanksgiving feast and in June we have a graduation ceremony.

We try to make each day at Lollipop Tree Nursery School an adventure, a challenge and a unique opportunity to learn and grow.

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