



Lollipop Tree Four Year Old Program Overview

The four year old program at Lollipop Tree Nursery School expands on the skills and learning experiences that have been introduced in the infant room, Tiny 2's, 2 and 3 year old classrooms. 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 prepare children for the transition to kindergarten.

We believe that the children learn through playing. The four 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, jump, climb and tumble. Outside there is a large play area with sand, a play scape with and a 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. Using a theme-based curriculum we focus and explore subject matters using art projects, stories, games, music, cooking and more. We incorporate STEM concepts and activities into our daily routines. 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 daily weather patterns and learn the days, weeks and months of the year. We celebrate all holidays and each child's birthday.

The four year old program prepares the children for kindergarten. Proper language, following directions and taking turns are all learned skills which we reinforce daily. Children learn to be caring, compassionate 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 gymnastic program. Additional afternoon enrichment programs include Spanish, Cooking, Art, Nature, Martial Arts, a math and science program called "Wizards" and much more. The four year old program also includes field trips to Auerfarm and Westmoor Park. 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 a Lollipop Tree Nursery School an adventure, a challenge and a unique opportunity to learn and grow.

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