



Deerfield Community Nursery School LUNCH 'N LEARN

Extend your child's experience at school with this optional program. One day per week (for 3-year-olds) or two days per week (for 4-year-olds), your child will enjoy lunch with classmates and participate in an enrichment activity. This a la carte program designed especially for preschoolers will be under the direction of our DCNS experienced staff, Mrs. Rao and Mrs. Sullivan.

The emphasis of the developmentally appropriate curriculum will be literacy, math and science. Each week, Mrs. Rao will choose a curricular area that will be complemented by indoor and outdoor free play, art and lunchtime. As an added bonus, parents will receive information about the day's activity along with the focused learning area and the benchmarks met from the Illinois Early Learning Standards. Children should bring their own nut-free lunch and drink.

Examples of Curricular Areas include:

Everyday Language and Literacy- After choosing a book to read with the children, the children will dictate a script, act out the story, draw pictures and have the opportunity to represent their own stories and books. Children will be exposed to classic stories and new books that are developmentally appropriate

Everyday Math- compare quantities of different objects, estimate quantities, match correct numbers to the actual number of objects, discuss more less and equal, one to one correspondence through games, categorizing and more

Everyday Science- through cooking and various experiments, the children will have the opportunity to act upon materials and observe the changes that occur as a result of their actions. Exploring the natural world will be emphasized in this learning area.

3-Year-Old Class

Lunch 'N Learn for the 3-year-old class will be from 11:15-12:15 in the fall. During the winter months, the class will be extended by 15 minutes.

4-Year-Old Class

Lunch n' Learn for the 4 Year Old Class will meet for 1 ½ hours one day per week. In addition, a 1 hour Lunch Bunch program will be offered on another day of the week.

Registration for Lunch 'n Learn and Lunch Bunch will begin in May for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited.