

The Swan Class Daily Schedule

7:00-9:00: Arrival to Geese Class and
Playground

9:00-9:15: Job Time and “Just One
Thing”

9:15-9:30: Breakfast

9:30-10:00: Circle Time & Curriculum
Introduction

10:00-10:45: Free Play and Projects

10:45-11:00: Cleanup and Bathroom

11:00-12:00: Playground

12:00-12:30: Lunch

12:30-1:00: Interactive Curriculum and
Skills Work.

1:00-1:30: Computer Time and Bath-
room

1:30-1:45: Story Time

1:45-2:30: Rest Time

2:30-3:00: Wake-up, quiet play (books,
puzzles, coloring)

3:00-4:00: Put mats away, snack time,
free play

Dear Parents,

The Swan Class is for older fours or five year olds who just missed the birthday cut-off for Kindergarten. The focus of this room is to strengthen the pre-k concepts the children may not have fully mastered in the four year old class as well as to provide an enriching and stimulating environment. With a mix of learning through play, thematic units, and a formal curriculum, your child will leave the Swan Class confident and more than ready for the challenge of kindergarten.

If you have any questions about what we are doing in the classrooms or about your child’s development, please feel free to arrange a meeting with your child’s teaching team. We will also schedule parent-teacher conferences twice a year. Naptime (1pm to 3pm) is a wonderful time to call the classrooms as well.

—The Swan Teachers



Welcome to the Swans!



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Who are the Swans?

As your child turns five, it is easy to see that they are becoming young boys and girls. Their independence is flourishing, they are acquiring new skills every day, and they are becoming more and more ready for kindergarten. The Swan Room is an enrichment classroom designed to reinforce the pre-kindergarten skills taught in the four year old class and to provide a stimulating environment for those children who didn't quite meet the birth date cut off for Kindergarten. There are three curricular components that make up your Swan's day...

Curriculum

The Three Components...

1. Thematic Units

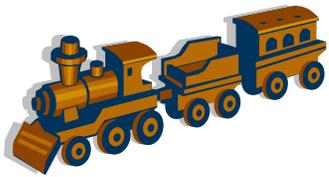
Each month or so your child will learn about a new topic. Some will be seasonal

(Thanksgiving, Spring) and others will be based on the interests of the children (dinosaurs,

trains). These themes are a chance to get excited and learn as much about that topic as we can. This is also a chance for children to bring in related books or items from home or for parents to come in and share stories or ideas.

2. Learning Through Play

Play is a vital part of a child's development. Pretending, socializing, building, drawing, creating, singing, discovering, and laughing are all encouraged by the use of learning centers and other activities in our classroom and outside in the play yards.

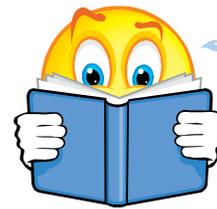


3. HighReach Curriculum

The HRL curriculum focuses around the belief that children learn best when actively engaged with the people and environment around them. Through hands on experiments and activities, the three year old curriculum aims to promote development in areas of language, math, science, social & emotional development, physical health and encourage an overall positive attitude toward knowledge and learning.

As a result of our three curricular components blended into the Swan class, some of the things you might find your child able to do include:

- Greater proficiency on both receptive & expressive language
- Learns conversational turn taking
- Attempts to write letters and numbers in order
- Recognizes that groups of letters can form words
- Dictates labels and stories for art and other projects
- Pretends to read
- Begins to associate number concepts, vocabulary, quantities, and written numerals in meaningful ways
- Begins to recognize, describe, compare and name common shapes, their parts, and attributes.
- Demonstrates increasing capacity to follow rules and routines and use materials purposefully, safely, and respectfully.
- Develops ability to identify personal characteristics, including gender, and family composition
- Approaches tasks and activities with increased flexibility, imagination, and inventiveness
- Grows in eagerness to learn about and discuss a growing range of topics, ideas, and tasks.



Extracurricular Options...

• Soccer

Two soccer sessions are offered during the year. The Turtles & Otters typically have class on Monday mornings for 30 minutes for those children who are signed up. Registration forms can be retrieved from the office.

• Ballet

In addition to a "music and movement" class that all of the children participate in, there are two ballet sessions offered during the year. Registration forms are available in the office.

• JumpBunch

Owned and operated by a former RSCC parent, JumpBunch is a 30 minute physical movement class that encourages kids to enjoy physical activity, feel confident about their abilities and instill them with a love for being active and healthy. The classes meet every Friday and cost \$42/month. Registration forms are available in the office.

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, the excitement, and the mystery of the world we live in."

-Rachel Carson