

Busy Bees – 3's turning 4 Information Sheet 2022-2023



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A Great Place for Your Child to Learn & Grow!

Our Busy Bee classroom is the perfect introduction to education. Our program incorporates many Montessori philosophies, and developmentally appropriate activities, with a Christian base. We use your child's time in our program to introduce art, practical life skills, sensory exploration, language arts, and early math concepts.

What our Busy Bee day incorporates:

- **Daily Independent Activity Choice:** Children have the opportunity to choose activities that interest them. These include games, coloring, painting, sensory activities, imaginative play, and shelf toys that are changed monthly.
- **Daily Meeting Time:** The daily meeting time includes songs, rhymes, and movement, as well as daily jobs, and the question of the day. This time provides opportunities for sharing, leadership, public speaking, asking questions, expressing ideas, and recognizing his/her name in print.
- **Daily Curriculum Activities:** Each day children will engage in pre-language and pre-math activities. These include, but are not limited to, story time, recognizing the letters in one's name, colors, shapes, one to one counting, number recognition 0-10, comparisons, and more/less concept. Our curriculum also includes introduction to *Handwriting Without Tears* concepts.
- **Daily Creative Art Project:** Our art projects allow our students to express themselves creatively while also developing fine motor skills.
- **Bible Lesson:** Daily non-denominational Bible lesson that includes stories, songs, and holiday celebrations.
- **Recess:** Outdoor playtime on our beautiful playground where your child can continue developing social skills and gross motor skills. Indoor recess is provided if the weather prohibits us from going outside.

What makes the Busy Bee classroom the right choice for my child?

- **Will your child be 3 years old before September 1, 2022?** If yes, then our Busy Bee classroom is where you want to register. We make this cutoff date to better align with the elementary schools, allowing our classrooms to flow appropriately to the next level.
- **Is your child independently potty trained?** We ask that your child be able to know when he/she needs to "go," how to ask to "go," and be able to complete all necessary actions independently.
- **Is your child ready to make new friends and work with groups?** Our Busy Bee classroom is a wonderful place for budding friendships with the support of teachers that know how to model for your child how to express thoughts and ideas. The Busy Bee classroom will assist your child in beginning to learn to compromise, be respectful, and problem solve.