

## *Expert Teacher Demonstration Dates*

We are very excited to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about our Creative Curriculum program. We will show you how classroom centers help promote children's development, as well as ways you can encourage that development in your home environment. When you pick up your child, an expert teacher will be demonstrating an activity from the featured monthly center from 4:30-5:30p.m.

<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Blocks</b> Children often use blocks to recreate the world around them—a road, a house, the zoo. They work together, learn to cooperate, and make friends.	<b>September 29</b>
<b>Dramatic Play</b> The ability to pretend is very important to a child's development. They learn to cooperate with others, solve problems, and are able to think abstractly—all important skills for success in school.	<b>October 6</b>
<b>Toys and Games</b> When children use toys and games, they explore how things work; learn to be creative and use their imaginations; strengthen and control the small muscles in their hands; work cooperatively and solve problems; and learn math ideas and concepts.	<b>November 17</b>
<b>Art Center</b> Children express original ideas and feelings, improve their coordination, learn to recognize colors and textures, and develop creativity and pride in their accomplishments by exploring and using art materials.	<b>December 8</b>
<b>Library, Writing &amp; Listening</b> Reading introduces new ideas, helps children learn how to handle problems that come up in life, and mostly encourages them to develop a love for books. We encourage children to look at books, to listen to taped stories, to retell stories, and to scribble and write throughout the day.	<b>January 20</b>
<b>Discovery</b> Children do what scientists do—ask questions; plan and conduct investigations; gather information; construct an explanation; and communicate feelings. In addition to learning science content, they learn how to solve problems together and how to communicate with others.	<b>February 9</b>
<b>Sand and Water</b> Both sand and water are natural materials for learning and help children to develop their minds and bodies in relaxing and enjoyable ways. Playing with sand and water involves sensory experiences that appeal to young children.	<b>March 22</b>
<b>Music &amp; Movement</b> Singing and moving to music gives children a chance to hear and appreciate different kinds of music, express themselves through their movement, and practice new skills. The children love singing together and it helps them learn to cooperate in a group.	<b>April 5</b>
<b>Cooking Activities</b> When children cook, they have an opportunity to learn about nutrition, to be creative, and to prepare their own healthy snacks. Including your child may take extra time and there may be a bigger mess, but there are many rewards. Your child will learn literacy, math, and science skills just by helping you.	<b>May 24</b>
<b>Computers &amp; Technology</b> When children work at the computer in pairs or small groups, they learn from each other and develop their social skills. We are preparing children for a future in which they will need to know how to work with computers.	<b>June 14</b>
<b>Outdoors</b> Physical exercise and fresh air are very important to a child's health and well being. Make time each day to be outdoors, exploring, making discoveries and appreciating nature. While outside, children can run, jump, swing, climb, and use all the large muscles in their bodies.	<b>July 12</b>