

# Preschool

## Units

**August** - identity and belonging

**September** - anatomy

**October** - the five senses

**November** - nature

**December** - color theory

**January** - physics

**February** - light and shadow

**March** - New Orleans

**April** - music

**May** - writing and messages

**June** - weather and water

**July** - climate and beach

## Ongoing Areas of Focus

Communication

Problem solving

Focus and self direction

Interacting with others

Emotional intelligence

Gross motor

Fine motor

Practical life skills

Book appreciation

Shapes and colors

Counting, grouping, and sorting

Letters and numbers

Use of a variety of art mediums

## Our Approach

Our goal is happy, capable children who are developing creativity, self-direction, social skills, and a love of school. We achieve this through:

**Environment:** Maria Montessori believed that children learn from their environment. Our environment is cognitively challenging and creatively stimulating.

**Consistency:** Consistent daily routines and clearly defined limits and expectations foster confidence and independence.

**Novelty:** Children learn from experimenting and exploring. Within a consistent routine, we provide new learning experiences each day.

**Freedom:** We prioritize time for uninterrupted play and freedom to explore and interact with others.

**Expectations:** We trust our students' abilities to do many things for themselves. We teach many self care skills and practical life skills from hammering to sewing.

**Responsiveness:** Sensitive observation of each child combined with professional knowledge of child development help us to understand and respond to each child's needs.