

What do I learn in Preschool?

First and most important:

- *I learn to be away from you – my parents. This may take some time.
- *I learn to work with teachers and other adults.
- *I learn to work with a large group of children.
- *I learn to work alone.
- *I learn to share and cooperate.
- *I learn simple rules and routines.
- *I learn to complete tasks and activities.
- *I learn to ask questions.
- *I learn to be independent, but not afraid to ask for help.
- *I learn to my decisions and choose my own activities.

I need to learn all of these skills to grow into a happy, healthy person!

Before I can learn to read, I need to know:

- *What a book is.
- *That books contain words and pictures.
- *That words are “read”.
- *That a book has a beginning and end.
- *That a book has a front and back.
- *That print moves from left to right and top to bottom.
- *I may begin to understand that each printed word represents spoken word.
- *I need to learn to love and care for books in order to want to read.
- *I need to learn that books are enjoyable and I can gain information from them.
- *I need exposure to stories, games, poems, songs and music!

Before I can learn Math, I need to know:

- *The names of numbers
- *How to say numbers in the right order.
- *How to match each number with the correct amount of “things”.
- *The names of shapes and colors and be able to match them.
- *How to put things that are alike into sets (groups).
- *That things can be put in order (smallest to largest, etc).
- *About size – more, less, big, small
- *About weight – heavy, light
- *About space – inside, behind, in between, under, over, in front of, etc.
- *That I can learn math skills in all areas of the classroom, especially through games, calendar time, sand and water play and block play!

Before I learn to write, I need to:

- *Know what happens when I put pen, markers, crayons, paint to paper.
- *Be able to hold a pencil, marker, crayon, paintbrush, etc. comfortably.
- *Have time to experiment w/scribbling, drawing shapes before drawing letters...this may take me some time!
- *Learn about letters and words (1st my name) and how they are formed and what order they go in.

I may get dirty, wet or even hurt while I am finding out about new things in Preschool...but, if I make a discovery on my own, then it's been worth it! This is how I know how to learn best!

I may find difficulty explaining or understanding my feelings right now but I can...

- *act out how I am feeling during play,***
- *express my feelings through my art,***
- *find something I am good at to let off steam!***

MOST IMPORTANTLY... to get the most from preschool, I need an encouraging adult to help me “do it my way” and my way is through “PLAY”!

***I love you,
Your preschool child***