

## A Year in 4K

We believe that children learn best through play. Children are provided with opportunities to make their own choices by exploring, investigating, creating and socializing among others their own age. Our 4K program focuses on the development of social skills in order for children to solve problems independently and communicate with one another. Our program is developmentally appropriate. This means that although the children are in the same age group, their abilities, interests and developmental levels are very different. The following concepts are worked on throughout the 4K year.

### Social/Emotional

- Decision making skills
- Communication with teachers and peers
- Personal safety
- Self-awareness/identifying emotions
- Problem solving skills
- Independence

### Academics

#### **Literacy:**

- **Reading**
  - Identifying uppercase and lowercase letters
  - Phonological awareness
  - Concepts of print
  - Phonics
  - Blending and segmenting words
  - Spelling
- **Writing**
  - Handwriting Without Tears
  - Writing their name from memory
  - Appropriate writing grasp
  - Developing writing plan
- **Oral Communication**
  - Answering questions about a story
  - Predicting what will happen
  - Retelling a story
- **Math**
  - Developing awareness and meaning of numbers
  - Counting one to one
  - Rote counting
  - Identifying shapes
  - Sorting
  - Graphing (more or less)

