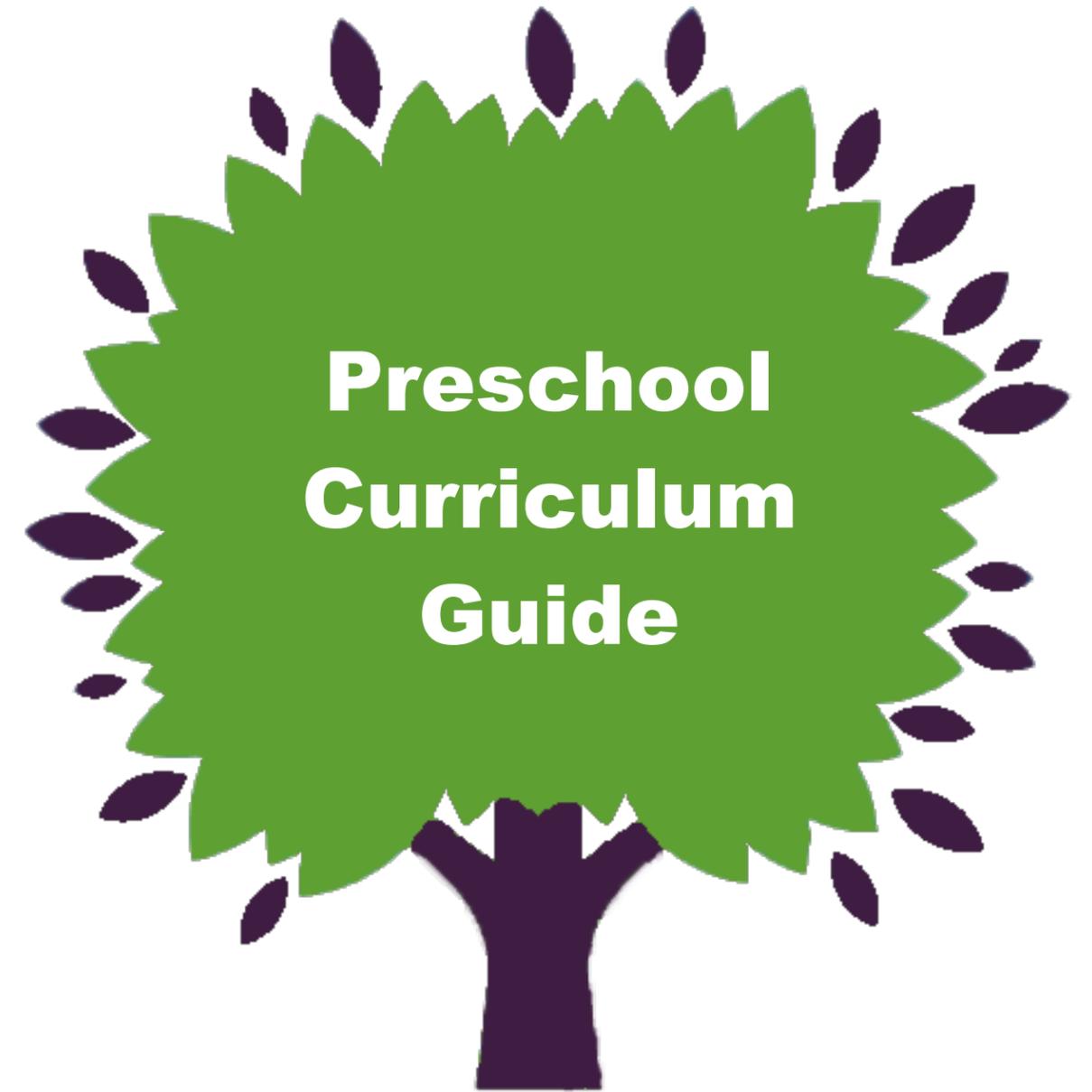


Our faculty understands the importance of creating new opportunities for children. Our wide range of activities foster exploration and discovery. With new experiences, self-confidence solidifies, curiosity is stimulated and preschoolers’ skills grow along with their physical and cognitive development. Throughout each class, children practice important social-emotional skills, stimulating brain development, and acquiring important language and cognitive abilities that will help prepare them for a life-long love of learning.

Mulberry’s preschool curricular themes concentrate on many areas essential to early childhood education. Activity centers help children learn through inquiry, developing the skills that will later be necessary for “big kid school”. Lessons in art, cooking and science follow a developmental progression, each month providing new experiences that advance skills already mastered. Children explore and are encouraged to be curious.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Art	Music / Movement	Social and Emotional Learning
Ages 2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive rotating in-class library • Elementary reading buddies • Visits to elementary library • Name writing • Writing center • Daily literacy activity • Communication skills • Practice speaking in groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorting • Counting • Shapes • Patterning • Sequencing • Measurement, weights • Puzzles • Building blocks • Daily cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily science activity • Daily cooking • Gardening • Sensory exploration • Classroom fish tank • Scientific process • Mud kitchen • Observation, prediction, exploration, discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of self in relation to group • Various cultural traditions and celebrations • Exploration of neighborhood through walks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two daily art centers • Daily messy paint and carpentry center • Exposure to a variety of art mediums • Incorporating natural and repurposed materials • Art appreciation • 2 and 3 dimensional experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music & movement specialist visits twice a week. • Singing incorporated into circle times • Exposure to a variety of instruments • Expansive outdoor space • Climbing structure • Bikes • Daily gross motor center • Climbing structure • Space to spin, jump, slide, swing, and dig 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive discipline • Relationship building • Conflict resolution • Identifying feelings • Empathy • Negotiation • Self-care • Dramatic play area • Circle time stories and sharing
Specific to older 3 year olds & 4 year olds	<p>As is developmentally appropriate, older preschoolers have the option to experience a slightly more directed time throughout their day. As students arrive to the classroom they are invited to sign-in and read/answer the “question of the day”. Students then participate in table time activities centering around literacy, math and science concepts and are specifically designed to develop and strengthen fine motor and core muscles. Next, they join a separate morning meeting (circle time) allowing the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings in a group setting. The teacher inspires group discussion topics such as; favorite books, self-care, and class agreements. They will also explore more abstract concepts; such as being a positive role model for younger children, being a good friend, and classroom ownership. The entire curriculum is designed to inspire cognitive inquiry and problem solving skills as well as movement.</p> <p>Many parents of our older preschoolers choose the full-day option. This allows time for special projects, like making playdough for the class to use, more involved cooking projects, and walking fieldtrips. They also get the chance to build stronger relationships with peers and adults in this more intimate setting. Please note: a quiet, cozy space if offered for rest time (nap time) and is optional depending on individual needs.</p>						



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