Prek Curriculum

We are going to have a super fun year of exploration, discovery, and creative thinking to give everyone a strong academic foundation to be prepared for Kindergarten, and for learning in a more structured school environment. Our goal this year is to help your child grow socially and academically, develop his or her listening and problem solving skills, and to improve fine and large motor skills to complete tasks more independently. We will be focusing on developing your child's strengths as well as helping him or her improve on any weaknesses. I differentiate lessons and questioning as needed to each individual student and we use large and small group academic instruction along with purposeful play in our daily schedule to enhance those skills.

Curriculum we use include:

<u>Illinois State Standards based Curriculum maps</u> for Literacy, Math, Science and Social Emotional skills using Research Based Resources, Big Books, Author Studies, Fiction and Non-Fiction books, Nursery Rhymes, and Hands On Manipulatives

The Creative Curriculum/ Teaching Strategies Gold Objectives and Assessments- a research based approach for learning in all areas through different units of study in a hands on, natural setting of project based learning and investigation.

<u>Handwriting Without Tears/Learning Without Tears-</u> Formations of lines, shapes, letters and numbers to enhance Writing, Math, Drawing, and Literacy Skill Development

<u>Heggerty Phonemic Awareness</u> - Language skill development of rhyming, onset fluency, segmenting sounds and blending.

<u>Jolly Phonics</u> -Focuses on learning sounds and letters through music, motion, and multisensory methods.

Scholastic News with Clifford and My Big World-supplement our units of study.

Smart Board Technology/IPADs

STEM Activities

Kindness Curriculum