

# Learning Centers

Glance into the classroom and see the children playing. If you take a closer look, you will discover <u>many</u> aspects of developmental learning occurring during this "free play" time. During centers children may choose different learning areas to explore, create & design art activities, develop social skills by interacting with peers, and teachers can work "one on one" with the children. Activities center around daily or weekly themes.

## • Bible Time

We read stories from the Bible, practice the monthly Bible memory verse, and sing songs. The verses are chosen to reinforce the monthly Bible focus from the stories. Application lessons help children learn to apply the Bible truths in their daily lives.

# • Large Group Time

Children expand cognitive development as they work with numbers, colors, shapes and alphabet. Many of the activities are "hands on" activities that encourage participation by all children. Activities may include: stories, songs, finger plays, weather chart, job chart, food experiences, science activities, theme demonstrations, theme related games, etc.

# Snack/Restroom

Besides being fun, snack time provides the opportunity for the children to learn about manners and serving. It is also a time to foster language development and social interaction.

# Playground/Gym

Developing gross motor coordination and exercising large muscles is very important in a preschool program! We go to the playground or





gym each preschool session. Our daily theme is incorporated with large motor movements when appropriate. Activities may include: free play, group games, creative movement, dramatic play, parachute activities, walks, rope activities, ball play, playground equipment, etc.

# Closing

In closing, all the children will be brought together for a time of "winding down" (child and teacher alike!) This will be a quiet time of sharing together before leaving.

