

Centreville Preschool's Beginner's Program Class Curriculum

CPI's primary goal in all classes is for our children to enjoy school and to have good feelings about school and themselves. The beginners program is taught by a qualified and experienced teacher who is assisted by a teacher's aide. Although it is not a cooperative program, Beginners students will share free-play time with the Three-Year Old Program students. The Three-Year Old teacher and the Beginners teacher coordinate the units of study for both classes. During the course of the year, CPI's teachers will work on the following skills, with emphasis on the social skills at the level appropriate for each age:

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| Self Discovery & Independence Development of Self-Help Skills Sharing with Others Self-Control Fine & Gross Motor Skill Development Learning to Work in a Classroom Atmosphere | Communicating with Others Good Safety Habits Respecting Others Self-Expression Following Directions Listening to Others |
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Units for Beginners

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| September | School, Colors, Apples |
| October | Fall, Spiders, Pumpkins, Halloween |
| November | Squirrels, Leaves, Owls, Thanksgiving |
| December | Shapes, Snowmen, Winter Holidays |
| January | Winter, Snow, Bears, Animal Homes |
| February | Valentine's Day, Fire & Police Safety, Dentist |
| March | St. Patrick's Day, Spring |
| April | Rainbows, Circus, Birds, Animals |
| May | Flowers, Mother's Day, Insects, I'm a Special Person, Father's Day, Beach Day |

Art: Painting with all mediums, gluing, crayons, markers, cutting, finger painting

Music: Songs, rhymes, games, rhythm instruments

Language Arts: Stories, finger plays, introducing basic colors, counting, name recognition

Other Activities: Outdoor play, play dough, blocks, housekeeping, science activities, centers

In House Field Trips: Firefighters, police officer, dentist, pizza making

Evaluation: Student evaluations will be sent home once a year. The teacher is always available to discuss a child's progress.

Snack: The snack is provided each day by the participating parent or the special helper in the non-coop class.

Mom's Afternoon Out follows the Beginners curriculum above on a modified basis to account for the class meeting only once per week.