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Our Early Childhood Academic Arena

At TGS, we are committed to providing a strong foundation for your child's academic success and fostering a love for learning that will last a lifetime. Our teaching approach incorporates the best practices and philosophies from various educational methodologies to create a comprehensive and engaging learning experience for your child.

We draw inspiration from the American Common Core Standards and Benchmarks, Reggio Emilia, Montessori, Handwriting Without Tears, The Responsive Classroom, New Zealand Math, and the Lego Foundation 6Bricks program. By combining the values of these methodologies, we ensure a holistic approach that is centered around your child's individual needs and interests.

In our classrooms, children actively participate in inquiry-based activities that encourage their natural curiosity and exploration. Through play and guided experiences, they develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that will benefit them throughout their educational journey. Our learning environment is carefully designed to inspire wonder, with a focus on outdoor exploration and environmental awareness.

We believe that education is not only about academics but also about nurturing the whole child. Our dedicated teachers create a warm and supportive atmosphere where your child's social and emotional growth is nurtured alongside their intellectual development.

At TGS, we are passionate about providing your child with a strong educational foundation and instilling a lifelong love for learning. We invite you to join our vibrant community and embark on this exciting journey together.

Social & Emotional Learning

Social and emotional development begins during the early stages of life and develops rapidly as children start to form their own identities, understand their emotions, and anticipate interactions with others. They learn to integrate these feelings into their behavior and accomplish important tasks in life. It is during this critical period that children acquire the skills needed to establish and sustain positive relationships, navigate and express emotions effectively, and cope with stress and emotional challenges. Our objective is to approach this delicate aspect of childhood with the utmost care, providing carefully chosen words of advice, modeling, and role-playing, all encompassed in mindfulness, empathy, and kindness.



Our Daily Schedule



Arrival & Sensory Play

Sensory play speaks to the core of each child who is always reaching out, touching, and exploring tactile objects. Through sensory play, our students use their senses to explore the world around them, which leads to cognitive growth, language development, gross and fine motor skills, problem-solving, and social interaction.

Morning Meeting

Morning Meeting is a special time for our preschoolers to gather together as a community and start the day on a positive note. It's a time of connection, belonging, and social-emotional learning. During Morning Meeting, children participate in engaging activities like greetings, sharing, group discussions, and interactive games. They have the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings, listen to others, and practice important social skills such as taking turns and active listening. This intentional time together strengthens our classroom community, fosters positive relationships, and creates a safe and inclusive environment where every child's voice is valued. Through Morning Meeting, we cultivate unity, respect, and cooperation, setting the stage for a joyful and productive day of learning.



Literacy

At our school, we believe in the power of language and literacy for your child's development. Through engaging activities such as storytelling, poetry, and read-aloud sessions, we help children expand their vocabulary and develop a love for reading and writing. We also focus on important foundational skills like understanding how print works, recognizing sounds in words, and practicing handwriting. Our approach is supported by the Handwriting Without Tears program, which combines interactive learning materials and play-based activities to enhance language skills, fine motor development, and communication. By fostering a strong foundation in literacy, we empower children to become confident readers and effective communicators.

Our Daily Schedule

Mathematical Thinking

We believe in nurturing your child's mathematical thinking and understanding. Inspired by the New Zealand Math approach, we provide a dedicated "Loose Parts Lab" where children can explore with open-ended materials that spark their curiosity and connect them to the wonders of nature. In our nurturing environment, children actively engage in various mathematical activities, such as counting, sorting, creating patterns, and building with toys and puzzles. We offer hands-on manipulatives, engaging games like Six Bricks, sensory exploration using natural objects, and real-life experiences. By encouraging their innate curiosity, we empower children to discover and deeply understand mathematical concepts. Our curriculum covers three key domains: numbers and operations, geometry, and measurement and data. Through this comprehensive approach, we ensure that your child develops a strong foundation in math while fostering a love for learning.



Art

At The Green School, art is a dynamic and child-centered experience. We provide carefully selected materials to inspire exploration, creativity, and sensory engagement. Children have the freedom to choose their own materials, collaborate with peers, and engage in open-ended processes. We focus on the artistic journey, encouraging experimentation, problem-solving, and reflection. Our classrooms become art studios and galleries, showcasing children's valued artwork as a reflection of their ideas, perspectives, and creativity. Through art, children develop self-expression, critical thinking, and emotional growth. Join us for an imaginative and inspiring artistic adventure at The Green School

Clamber Club

Our specialized sensory gross motor program is designed to promote physical well-being and develop essential perceptual motor skills in elementary students. Each age-appropriate lesson lasts 30 minutes and focuses on a variety of skills, including eye-hand and foot coordination, body awareness, auditory discrimination, balance, spatial skills, directionality, bilateral integration, rhythm, motor planning, and creative movement. Our goal is to enhance athletic fitness, including flexibility, speed, strength, agility, coordination, and stamina. With a wide range of equipment, our program keeps children motivated, excited, and continuously developing new skills throughout the term. We believe in fostering a love for exercise and a healthy lifestyle from a young age. Join us for an energizing and fun-filled experience at Clamber Club Sports!



Our Daily Schedule



Little Kickers

Designed specifically for preschoolers, our program offers a fun and engaging introduction to the world of soccer. We focus on developing basic soccer skills while promoting teamwork, coordination, and physical activity. Led by experienced coaches, our sessions are tailored to the unique needs and abilities of young children. Through age-appropriate activities and games, your little ones will learn fundamental soccer techniques such as dribbling, passing, and shooting in a safe and supportive environment. We emphasize the importance of fair play, sportsmanship, and building confidence on and off the field. Join us for exciting soccer adventures, where your child will have a blast while developing a love for the beautiful game.

Yoga

Our kid's yoga program offers a playful and engaging experience that combines movement, mindfulness, and relaxation techniques. Through fun activities and age-appropriate poses, children will develop strength, flexibility, and balance, all while cultivating a sense of calm and emotional well-being. Led by experienced instructors, our sessions encourage children to explore their bodies, express themselves creatively, and build important life skills such as focus and self-awareness. Whether it's through animal poses, breathing exercises, or guided relaxation, kids yoga provides a nurturing space for your child to unwind, release energy, and develop a positive relationship with their bodies and minds. Join us on this exciting yoga journey and watch your child thrive physically and emotionally.



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