



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Preschool at G. Austin Schoenly School. Preschool is a wonderful beginning to your child's school experience. Your child will be engaged in many different educational activities that promote lifelong learning. They will experience many new things and make many new friends. We will foster your child's intellectual, emotional and physical needs. Your child is special to you, and to us, and we look forward to forming a relationship with you both as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

The Preschool Teachers



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Just Playing

When I am building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balance and shapes.

Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I am getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm expressing myself and being creative.
I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair
"Reading" to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "Just Play."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some
"plaything" at my school,

Please don't feel that time is wasted in "Play."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business some day.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "Just
Play."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to follow directions and see differences.
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move
my body,

Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning how my body works.

I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, I "Just played."

Please don't misunderstand me.

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to enjoy and be successful at my work,
I'm preparing for tomorrow.

Today, I am a child and my work is play.

Anita Wadley

A Day In The Life Of Preschool



- Children begin the day by solving a Mystery Question
- Students gather together for Opening Group to engage in activities:
 - Songs and Fingerplays
 - Calendar and Days of the Week
 - Weather Graphing
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Morning Message
- Throughout the day children engage in attention focusing, community building and self regulation activities
- Children engage in make believe play where they plan, draw, and write where they are going to play
- Children engage in both small and large group story labs, in which they build comprehension skills
- Children do buddy reading and graphic practice activities
- Students engage in small group or partnered math and science activities
- Children will be introduced to letters of the alphabet
- Children will rest, eat snack, play outside and engage in free play
- Children will take part in dance and movement activities

The Classroom is divided into various centers. Each center will be designed around monthly central themes that will encourage vocabulary and life experiences. These themes will consist of, but are not limited to, *Home, Farm, Hospital, Pets, Restaurant, Community, Zoo, and School.*

These themes will help students "experience" the world around them. Through the *Tools of the Mind* curriculum we aim to give the children valuable skills that will help them progress socially, emotionally, and academically.

School Schedule

- Preschool follows the Spotswood School District Calendar
- All school vacations and other dates of district-wide significance are indicated on the school calendar, which can be found on the school website
- Preschool hours are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm daily



Helping Your Child To Learn...

Encourage your child to:

- speak in sentences
- recognize colors
- distinguish shapes
- compare sizes
- sit through a story
- make simple decisions
- recognize their name
- verbalize their needs

Read to your child every day!!!