

# CUPERTINO PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY AND CLASS STRUCTURE

This school year we are looking forward to guiding your child through the various stages of preschool development. In our preschool program we understand the importance of academics and play. We implement both of these cornerstones to create the ideal environment for your child.

The program covers a wide range of academic activities that prepare your child for kindergarten including:

- Activities that build oral language and vocabulary.
- Games that encourage visual memory and visual recognition.
- Singing songs, playing music, dancing, and listening to rhythms which enhance auditory development recollection.
- Introducing your child to a wide range of books and stories including rhyming stories, counting stories, and stories that encourage item classification.
- Developing your child's motor skills through a variety of activities and tactics to increase your child's hand-eye coordination. We practice holding scissors, crayons, pencils, and paint brushes among many other activities.
- Teaching your child how to trace, sort, cut along lines, and use eye droppers. We play with puzzles, play dough, sand, Legos, and much more.
- Participating in class discussions about nature and the environment, animals, the seasons, floating and sinking, hot and cold temperatures, and the weather.
- Opportunities for children to acquire pre-math skills through hands-on activities that are fun and meaningful.
- Social, physical, and language development – a child who has a greater command of language can communicate his/her needs more easily. Social development occurs as (s)he learns to cooperate with others. Physical activities are often disguised as play, but are designed to develop muscle coordination. Your child will gain self-confidence and increased independence as they gradually master these skills.

The Cupertino Preschool teachers understand that children learn best when they are allowed to freely experiment without fear of failure.

This is an exciting period of your child's life as (s)he grows and develops rapidly. We look forward to sharing this rewarding time with both you and your child!

Thank you,

Preschool Staff



## **TINY TOTS SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
15 minutes	Welcome & Warm Up
90 minutes	Free play and craft project including: creative play, manipulative activities, small motor skills (cutting, coloring, gluing, etc.)
30 minutes	Circle time which includes: calendar/weather, counting, movement, songs, daily/weekly themes, story, etc.
15 minutes	Snack time, birthday celebrations
25 minutes	Outside activities which include: preschool/park playground, theme activities
15 minutes	Second circle time which includes: sharing, story time, music, etc.

## **SUPER TOTS SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
15 minutes	Welcome & Warm Up Free play (Manipulatives, Pretend play, puzzles)
90 minutes	Work stations: Craft project focused on improving fine motor skills. Worksheet (includes alphabets, numbers, sequencing, matching, etc.)
20 minutes	Circle (calendar, reading a book, flannel board story)
15 minutes	Snack time, birthday celebrations
20-30 minutes	Outside activities which include: preschool/park playground, themed activities (hula hooping, parachute, etc.)
15 minutes	Circle time which includes: story time/felt board and music

**PLEASE NOTE: This is just a sample of how the teachers divide up a basic day. It is important to know that this schedule is an approximation of the time spent and that each teacher and each class' activities may vary.**