

Preschool Curriculum

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Mission

The Roseland Preschool Program curriculum, developed in cooperation with the West Essex Consortium, is based on the principles specified in the New Jersey Department of Education document, *Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality*. The Department of Education developed and published the *Early Childhood Program Expectations: Standards of Quality* (now called *Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality*)] as guidance to teachers who work with young children. In 2014, the State Board of Education adopted the revised *Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality*. Childhood experiences in school have a significant impact upon both academic and social learning. These crucial early years of schooling set the stage for a positive transition to kindergarten. The Roseland Preschool Program recognizes and respects developmental differences and seeks to teach children that they are "more alike than different."

Vision

The Roseland Preschool Program incorporates developmentally appropriate practices that are based on knowledge about how children learn and develop. As always, variations in educational growth occur, and program staff support individual variations in children's learning and development. This curriculum is defined as an educational philosophy for achieving desired educational outcomes through the presentation of an organized scope and sequence of activities utilizing a variety of appropriate instructional materials.

All children demonstrate a broad range of learning, cognitive, communication, physical, sensory, and social/emotional differences. Each preschool child manifests his or her learning abilities, learning style, and learning preferences in a unique manner. Therefore, at times, adaptations and/or accommodations are needed.

Assessments

The primary purpose of assessment in the preschool program is to assist in the development of appropriate classroom activities for individuals and groups of children. Preschool assessment procedures include:

- Ongoing intentional observation
- · Skills assessment
- · Developmental screen (if indicated)

Learning Environment

Participation within the inclusive preschool class quite often results in children developing greater empathy and understanding of differences among students. A supportive preschool learning environment promotes the development of children's critical thinking skills; fosters awareness of diversity and multiculturalism; and supports enthusiasm and engagement as the cornerstones of approaches to learning. The environment must nurture children's capacity to engage deeply in individual and group activities and projects. Such an environment is created through interactions with indoor and outdoor environments that offer opportunities for children to set goals and persist in following through with their plans while acquiring new knowledge and skills through purposeful play.

Carefully planned instruction, materials, furnishings, and daily routines must be complemented by an extensive range of interpersonal relationships (adults with children, adults with adults, and children with children). In this setting, each child's optimal development across every domain (e.g., language, social, physical, cognitive, and social-emotional) will be supported, sustained, extended and enhanced.

Daily Routines

• Encourage the development of self-confidence by offering children multiple opportunities to make choices, such as deciding projects, selecting centers, or inviting classmates to be a part of an activity.

• Encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and the generation of ideas and fantasy through exploration.

• Have flexibility to meet individual needs and provide opportunities for the success of all children (e.g., younger children with short attention spans are not forced to remain for long periods of time in a whole-group activity, children with disabilities are offered modifications and adaptations to meet their individualized needs).

- Encourage and model the use of language in different social groups and situations.
- Stimulate questioning and discussion during all activities.
- Provide opportunities for music and movement (ie. brain breaks, choral singing, rhymes & fingerplays)

• Include the use of technology, such as computers and smart boards with age-appropriate software, to enhance the development of critical thinking skills.

Preschool: On-going instruction

Standards and categories covered on this page are on-going throughout the year. Teachers are encouraging social/emotional development, developing visual and performing arts, and addressing approaches to learning on a daily basis. These standards are often addressed in conjunction with other subject areas.

Social and Emotional Development

<u>Summary</u>: Young children develop the social and emotional competencies they need to fully immerse themselves in the preschool day and become successful learners.

Standards0.1: Children demonstrate self-confidence0.2: Children demonstrate self-direction0.3: Children identify and express feelings0.4: Children exhibit positive interactions withother children and adults0.5: Children exhibit positive social behaviors	Assessments - Self-assessment - Teacher observation
 <u>Enduring Understandings</u> Follow daily routines Shows pride in work Uses "I" statements to express themselves Compliments others, shares, use manners, takes turns 	<u>Resources</u> - Social/emotional literature - Teacher based modeling

Visual & Performing Arts

<u>Summary:</u> Young children use the creative arts as a strategy for learning about local communities, different cultures, and other content.

Standards 1.1: Children express themselves through creative movement and dance 1.2: Children develop an appreciation of music 1.3: Express themselves and develop an appreciation of dramatic play and storytelling 1.4: Children express themselves through and develop an appreciation of the visual arts (e.g., painting, sculpting, and drawing).	<u>Assessments</u> - Completed projects - Teacher observations - Class participation
<u>Enduring Understandings</u>	<u>Resources</u>
- Role play	- Music (Dr. Jean, HWT, Greg and Steve,
- Facilitated games and activities	etc.)

Approaches to Learning		
Summary: Behaviors and attitudes that show <i>how</i> children learn, not just <i>what</i> they learn.		
<u>Standards</u> 9.1 Demonstrate initiative, engagement, and persistence 9.2 Children show creativity and imagination 9.3 Children identify and solve problems 9.4 Children apply what they have learned to new situations.	<u>Assessments</u> - Teacher observations	
 <u>Enduring Understandings</u> Free play Teacher facilitated activities and interactions Center based activities 	Resources-Classroom toys-Dramatic play-Teacher created materials-STEAM materials	

Preschool: Health, Safety, and Physical Education

Summary: Encourage children's sense of self and support their emerging independence.

Standards & Assessments	
 2.1 Develop self-help and personal hygiene skills 2.2 Develop knowledge and skills to make nutritious food choices 2.3 Begin to develop an awareness of potential hazards in their environment 2.4 Develop competence and confidence in activities that require gross and fine motor skills 	 Assessment Options: Participation in gross and fine motor activities Completion of independent tasks
Understandings	
 Enduring Understandings: Using the bathroom, washing hands, opening/closing items Follow daily routines including arrival and departure Encourage healthy choices within various activities School safety drills Classroom rules and safety skills Participate in various gross and fine motor activities 	 Essential Questions: What are some ways to stay healthy? What comes next? What food do you think would be the best choice given options? Do you know what we should do in case we have a fire/lock down/shelter in place drill? What would be a good choice? Can you do (fine or gross motor movement)?
 Suggested Activities Daily classroom routines Snack time School safety drills Physical Education class Playground Manipulatives Brain Breaks Handwriting, coloring, cutting, gluing 	 Songs (Greg and Steve, Dr. Jean, HWT) Go Noodle Fine Motor Games (tweezers, tongs, lacing, puzzles, beads, legos, dot markers) Gross Motor Games (bean bags, ball, scooters, floor spots) "Healthy Eating with MyPlate" Books

Preschool: English Language Arts - READING

<u>Summary:</u> Develop emergent reading, emergent writing, listening and speaking, foundational skills and language.

Standards & Assessments	
RL 1-3 Key Ideas and Details RL 4-6 Craft and Structure RL 7 & 9 Integration of knowledge of Ideas RL 10 Range of reading and level of text complexity RI 1-3 Key Ideas and Details RI 4-6 Craft and Structure RI 7 Integration of knowledge of Ideas RI 10 Range of reading and level of text complexity RF 1a-d Print Concepts RF2a-3 Phonological Awareness RF3a-d Phonics and word recognition RF4 Fluency	 Assessment Options: Class participation / discussions & responses Compare and contrast using graphic organizers Collaborative shared writing piece Completion of independent projects Informal checklist and observations
Understandings	
RL Enduring Understandings: - Identify key story elements including	RL Essential Questions: - Wh questions related to given text
character, setting, major events, author	 Will questions related to given text How are texts alike and different?
and illustrator.	- Can you tell what happened in this story?
- Answer simple comprehension	Beginning, middle, and end.

- Answer simple comprehension questions.
- Compare and contrast texts.
- Retell familiar stories with prompting.

RI Enduring Understandings:

- Identify key story elements including the main idea and supporting details.
- Compare and contrast texts.
- Higher level thinking questions

RF Enduring Understandings:

- Recognize text in print
- Track text

RI Essential Questions:

- Wh questions related to given text
- How are texts alike and different?
- Can you tell what happened in the story?
- Beginning, middle, and end

RF Essential Questions:

- Can you point/find _____?
- Where do you start?
- Do _____ and _____ rhyme?
- What rhymes with____?
- How many sounds do you hear in that

 Recognize and produce simple rhymes Segment word syllables Recognize letter sounds Name and letter recognition Engages in text 	 word? What sound does letter make? Where is your name? What letter is this? Can you show me how you hold a book?
Activities & Resources	
Suggested Activities Class discussions Read-alouds Poster Rhymes On-line story Word play Name plates Letter scramble	 ABC mouse Starfall Fundations/Wilson/OG/PAF cards Puzzles/games Lakeshore activities

Preschool: English Language Arts - WRITING

<u>Summary:</u> Develop emergent reading, emergent writing, listening and speaking, foundational skills and language.

Standards & Assessments	
W 1 & 2 Text types and purposes W 5 & 6 Production and distribution of writing W 7 & 8 Research to Build Knowledge	Assessment Options: - Class participation / discussions & responses - Collaborative shared writing piece
SL 1 a-b, 2, 3 Comprehension and Collaboration SL 4-6 Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	Completion of independent projectsTeacher selected assessment(s)
L 1 a-f, 2 a-d, 3 Conventions of Standard English L 4 a-b, 5 a-d, 6 Vocabulary acquisition and use	

Understandings	
 W Enduring Understandings: Uses with or without guidance drawings, dictation, scribble writing, letter-strings, 	W Essential Questions: - Tell me about - Tell your peers about

or invented spelling to share a preference/opinion/information/real or imagined event - Participate in shared writing	SL Essential Questions: - Wh questions - Tell me about
 SL Enduring Understandings: Participate in conversational turn taking Ask and answer questions Use words to express thoughts and ideas 	L Essential Questions: - Tell me what does/doesn't belong - Tell me a different name for
 L Enduring Understandings: Use conventions of standard English grammar when speaking during interactions, reading and writing. Introduce new vocabulary. 	

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Games

Activities & Resources

Suggested Activities

- Fine motor writing journals
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Free/dramatic play
- Self directed social activities
- Circle/calendar time
- Project based activities

Preschool: Mathematics

<u>Summary:</u> Support children's natural, spontaneous interactions with math in the world around them by featuring a wide variety of ongoing mathematical opportunities.

Standards & Assessments	
 4.1 Understands numbers and counting 4.2 Beginning to understand numerical operations 4.3 Understand measurable attributes of objects and how to measure them 4.4 Develop spatial and geometric sense 	 Assessment Options: Class participation / discussions & responses Compare and contrast using various math manipulatives Completed graphs Completion of center based activities

• Handwriting Without Tears material/app

Writing Apps/ computer based games

Teacher created materials

Understandings	
 Enduring Understandings: Count and identify numbers / 1:1 correspondence Compare and contrast amounts (more/less/equal) and sets of numbers Compare and contrast sizes Positional words / ordinal numbers Identify and sort shapes and colors 	 Essential Questions: How many? Who has more/less/equal? Which one is small/medium/large? Where is? (positional words) Can you sort by?(color, shape, size, attribute)

Activities & Resources	
 Suggested Activities Calendar skills Seasonal/ theme based counting,	 Listening and Following Directions
sorting, comparison, shapes, and color	Interactive Lakeshore DVD Everyday Math program and materials Catch to Learn Number Recognition
activities.	Interactive Lakeshore DVD

Preschool: Science

<u>Summary:</u> Young children first construct scientific knowledge by using their senses to interact with their environment and make sense of the world around them through investigation, observation, and inquiry.

Standards & Assessments	
 5.1 develop inquiry skills 5.2 investigate matter and energy 5.3 investigate living things 5.4 investigate the Earth 5.5 use basic science tools and technology 	 Assessment Options: Class participation / discussions & responses Compare and contrast using graphic organizers
	Collaborative shared writing pieceCompletion of independent projects

Understandings	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
- Learn how and when to apply the 5	- What are the five senses?
senses	- What is the weather today?

 Observe and record daily weather Differentiate between living and non-living things Describe changes in matter 	 What are the characteristics of a living thing? How does this look different? (after time lapsed)
Activities & Resources	
 Suggested Activities 5 senses: experiment with applesauce Dress the weather bear Life Cycles and parts of apples, pumpkins, plants, butterflies Seasons (Earth & matter: make ice pops) Sink and Float experiments Fossils: freeze toy animals in water 	 Lakeshore learning: All About Life Science DVDs Scholastic: My Big World Various picture books / informational text Realistic items when possible (leaves, pumpkins, dirt, ice, etc) Sensory table Binoculars, rulers, magnifying lens SmartBoard

Preschool: Social Studies, Family, and Life Skills

<u>Summary:</u> The preschool classroom begins with cultivating all children's understanding of themselves and their place in their family and community, and world.

Standards & Assessments	
 6.1 Identify characteristics of people 6.2 Contributing members of classroom community 6.3 Knowledge of neighborhood and community 6.4 Awareness of cultures around them 	 <u>Assessment Options:</u> Class participation / discussions & responses Compare and contrast using graphic organizers Collaborative shared writing piece Completion of independent projects

Understandings & Questions	
 Enduring Understandings: Identify body parts and placement Awareness of physical differences Participate in classroom jobs/responsibilities Describe the role of community helpers 	 Essential Questions: Where is your? What are ways that people are different and how are they similar? What are your responsibilities in the classroom?

-	Explore different holiday traditions
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Who are the people who can help you?
Which holidays does your family celebrate? Compare/contrast to others.

Activities & Resources	
 Suggested Activities Graphing body parts, Simon Says, head shoulders knees and toes, self-portrait, <u>Mat Man</u> Maintain job chart responsibilities Role play different community helpers Parent volunteers to share traditions 	 Multicultural books World map / globe Lakeshore Community Helper kit (environmental sounds & pictures CD) HWT manipulatives Various picture books / informational text

Preschool: World Languages & Technology

<u>Summary World Language:</u> Develop an understanding of languages other than their own.

<u>Summary Technology</u>: Use technology to offer versatile learning tools that can support children's development in all domains.

Understandings & Questions	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:

 WL say simple words and phrases in various languages T use electronic devices for a variety of purposes 	 WL "How do you say in?" T "How do you turn it on?" Can you locate your name?
Activities & Resources	
 Suggested Activities WL spanish T smartboard, ipads, computers Circle time activities KidPix Sign language 	WL: Multicultural literature and songs T: Kidpix Riverdeep

Preschool Curriculum Sample Pacing Chart

Month	<u>On-Going</u> <u>Learning experiences</u>	<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies /</u> <u>Family</u>
Sept.	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class	Literature Nursery Rhymes Poems Informational Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing Names Speaking and Listening ABC order Foundational Skills Letter of the Week Language Various vocabulary terms	Numbers & counting Patterns	Apples Colors Shapes	Classroom routines All About Me Friendship Body Awareness Feelings
Oct.	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics	Numbers & counting Patterns Sorting Graphing	Pumpkins Life Cycles	Community helpers Fire Safety
	Approaches to Learning • Work stations • Peer partners • Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology • SMARTboard • Technology Class	Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral responses and following directions Foundational Skills			

		 Letter of the Week Language Various vocabulary terms 			
Nov.	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • American Education Week Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral responses and following directions Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Various vocabulary terms	Numbers and counting 1:1 correspondence Number naming Shape Study	Fall; leaves Turkeys Seasons Animals	Family visits/sharing Thanksgiving Veteran's Day
Dec.	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme	Numbers and Counting More or less	Hibernation	Holidays Family Traditions
	 Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology 	Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral			

	 ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class 	responses and following directions Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Various vocabulary terms			
Jan.	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Begin homework Mid-year assessments Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral responses and following directions Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Various vocabulary terms	Numbers and Counting Positional words & size comparison	Snowmen Polar Bears, penguins, arctic animals Properties of Matter (Freezing/Melti ng)	MLK Peace
Feb.	Social / Emotional Feelings Character Education Week Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening	Numbers and Counting Positional words & size comparison		Valentines Day, Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year Dental Health Presidents

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	 Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class 	 Comprehens ion through oral responses and following directions Foundational Skills Letter of the Week Language Various vocabulary terms 			
March	Social / Emotional Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class	Literature • Lamb and Lion • Dr. Seuss Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Why we are lucky Speaking and Listening • Read-across America Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Rhyming	Numbers and Counting Sorting by more than one attribute	Spring Weather Rainbows	St. Patrick's Day Mardi Gras
April	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral	Numbers and Counting Ordering numbers	Earth Day Arbor Day April Showers Planting Weather	Easter/Passover

	 ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class 	responses and following directions Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Various vocabulary terms			
May	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Work stations Peer partners Whole group, small group, individual World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening • Comprehens ion through oral responses and following directions Foundational Skills • Letter of the Week Language • Various vocab.	Numbers and Counting Numbers 11-20	Butterflies Flowers: parts and cycle Ladybugs/insec ts Frogs Indoor planting then outdoor Gardening	Mother's Day Memorial Day
June	Social / Emotional Self Help Skills Classroom responsibilities Self-regulation Visual & Performing Arts Imaginary play areas Music and movement Arts and Crafts Approaches to Learning Graduation/Move Up Ceremony (ABC Rock, Number Rock, Months of Year	Literature • Texts that support the weekly letter or theme Informational • Texts that support the science and ss topics Writing • Letter writing (HWT) Speaking and Listening	Numbers and Counting Ordinal numbers	Indoor planting then outdoor gardening Summer / beach	Family Picnic-bring things to share Father's Day Flag Day

Song, Patriotic Songs, Movie Songs) World Language / Technology ABC's in Sign Language SMARTboard Technology Class
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