The Clubhouse's Corner Enrichment Program

A Progressive Program for children ages 3-6*

"a place for children to explore, create and learn"

The Clubhouse's Enrichment Program Philosophy

Our philosophy is built on the idea that a child's education is developed through their experiences with the outside world. The Enrichment Program offers a learning environment that encourages an excitement for learning by facilitating opportunities where your child's curiosity is stimulated by hands on experiences. We value and embrace the innocence of childhood, and aim to create experiences through a focus on the creative process, and not the final product. We encourage children to get messy, move freely and explore the world around them in a safe, structured and, of course, fun environment.

About the Teacher

Program Director / Lead Teacher Lauren Fremont brings 15 years of preschool classroom experience to our program. Most recently she worked with the Haverford Recreation Department to set up the Little Explorers preschool program - developing the curriculum, mentoring staff, and leading the classroom instruction. She graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelors in Education.

Lauren developed a passion for progressive education during her time at the School in Rose Valley. Her years there guided her to focus on instilling children with a love for learning.

Contact us anytime with questions...

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*children must be potty trained

A Typical Day at the Clubhouse's Corner Enrichment Program...

Our classroom is designed to provide the structure young children need to be successful while allowing for the spontaneous moments that make being a child exciting. We keep our routines consistent but allow for flexibility to keep the children engaged and the learning meaningful.



Morning free play

- Structured and unstructured learning activities. A time designed for children to move freely about the room and make decisions about how to spend their time.

Group Clean Up

- The first step in creating a classroom community where children are equal partners in maintaining the classroom environment.



Meeting

- Based on the Responsive classroom approach our circle time is spent learning names of our peers, going over our daily schedule, and having group discussions. All children are encouraged to be active participants during this time.

Snack

- Snack is served family style with the children learning how to serve themselves an appropriate amount of food, pour their own water, and of course, clean up after themselves - which includes washing their dishes and cleaning up spills.

Outside Play

- Our goal is to be outside every day. Children love to be outside (even in the cold weather). We will spend time outside weather permitting.



Lunch

- All children stay and enjoy lunch (provided by the family.) This is a fun time for all of us. We share stories and enjoy lively conversations as well as help the children learn to balance eating and talking.

Enrichment Program Approach

We believe children learn best through a balance of play, curious exploration and guided instruction. Our program will help your child develop a love of learning that will benefit them for years to come.

- **Building A Strong Foundation**

Your child will be encouraged to be an active participant in their learning process. We believe that children want to learn, and that it's motivating when classmates and the teacher are excited about learning, too. We strive to make learning meaningful for the children we teach. Our classroom is constructed so children are challenged to formulate questions, predict outcomes, experiment and investigate to gain new information. These are basic skills all individuals need to be successful in future academics.

- **Oral Language and Literacy**

Our print rich environment is ideal for little learners to access language in an age appropriate way. We label our materials and provide picture schedules to promote early literacy development. We provide a classroom with a variety of materials designed to challenge your child to improve their listening skills, spoken language, and vocabulary. We engage children in conversation, ask leading questions, and provide open ended questions to foster language development. Our dramatic play area fosters peer to peer language to further develop age appropriate speaking and listening skills. And our classroom library is carefully selected to provide children with a range of material based on interests and levels of learning.

- **Decision Making and Building Independence**

Our daily schedule allows children the flexibility to choose between a variety of activities and materials. During morning play children can choose from developmentally appropriate activities selected to promote individual growth and interests. The children are free to move about the room and choose from activities that are selected to stimulate their ability to make decisions, problem solve, and build their confidence. We plan for the unexpected in our classroom because you never know when a spontaneous learning moment will happen. Children will also be challenged to build their self-help skills. We cherish the moment when a child learns to put their coat on by themselves or to zip their jacket independently.

- **Importance of Play**

Preschoolers are naturally curious and take in new information at an astonishing rate. We encourage children to explore and experiment with raw materials. We select toys, activities and materials based around the children's interests and abilities. Children become invested in the learning process when they are actively involved. All children have unique learning styles and needs, we honor all levels of development and play in our classroom. We value this time in their life to jump in puddles, dig in the dirt, and build a block tower.

- **Social and Emotional Growth**

We support all aspects of a young child's growth and development. Their social and emotional well being are essential for future academic success. We facilitate play between the children to help them learn how to be a caring friend, to develop empathy towards others, and to take social risks. Our nurturing environment is ideal for helping children build strategies for problem solving and learning to handle the many challenging situations that arise every day for preschooler.

Our Enrichment Program is a mixed age classroom. There are many benefits this classroom approach for the children as well as our curriculum. To learn more about our mixed age room and how your child can benefit from this experience, visit our blog on the Creative Clubhouse website.