



# The Apple Tree School Preschool Curriculum

## **CHARACTER EDUCATION:**

Students learn basic virtues such as honesty, diligence, fairness, and loyalty.

Our goal is to build character and morals based on obedience and respect.

We believe that the Bible is God's word and gives us instructions as to how we should live.

We learn Bible stories, memory verses, and songs to help us understand God's will.

## **GEOGRAPHY:**

We expose the children to the seven continents of our World through meaningful classroom experiences.

Students learn where the continents are located and how the cultures are different.

We also learn about the states in our country, particularly Texas.

Older preschoolers learn to name each state and capital in the USA.

## **AESOP'S FABLES:**

A fable is a special story that teaches a lesson.

We read and discuss Greek storyteller Aesop's tales and discuss the moral of the stories.

For example, "The Hare and the Tortoise" teaches us that slow and steady wins the race. Being the most talented doesn't always mean you will come out on top. Hard and steady work is important, too.

## **RHYMES:**

Reading aloud to children and exposing them to a rich and varied selection of literature is important.

Children enjoy traditional rhymes and fairy tales throughout the preschool years.

They will learn to recite rhymes and will enjoy activities based on their stories and characters.

## **PRESIDENTS:**

We begin with learning to recognize Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Students celebrate Presidents Day and learn about our government and history.

Older preschoolers will know the current U.S. President and recognize the former presidents.

## **SCIENCE:**

We learn about the world through hands-on exploration. Students of all ages enjoy memorable activities like planting, cooking, and conducting experiments.

We also read biographies of inventors and scientists, discovering how their contributions affect our lives today.



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## **TODDLERS:**

They will learn colors, numbers 1-5, many new words, lots of songs and rhymes for promoting language and literacy. They will be exposed to the seven continents and the state of Texas.

## **TWO-YEAR OLDS:**

They will learn many things about the world they live in. They will count 1-25 and recognize the numbers 1-10. They will learn colors and shapes.

We will read books and learn songs and rhymes for language development. They will be exposed to the seven continents and the state of Texas. They will also learn Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

## **THREE-YEAR OLDS:**

They will learn names, sounds, and pictures of all letters of the alphabet, learn to recognize and write their names, count 1-50 and recognize numbers 1-15.

Language development continues as they read books, learn songs, rhymes, and Bible verses.

They will learn the seven continents, United States, Presidents, World Leaders and Inventors. They will learn songs, rhymes and Bible verses.

## **FOUR-YEAR OLDS:**

They will learn to recognize vowels and consonants, to blend two letters together and to sound out one-vowel words. They will learn to read through the use of phonics. As soon as the short vowel sounds and some consonants are introduced, they will be able to sound out their first words. They will learn to write lowercase and capital letters of the alphabet.

Four-year olds learn to recognize and understand the concepts of numbers. They will count from 1-100, recognize 1-20, distinguish before and after numbers and answer simple combinations.

They will learn the seven continents, United States, Presidents, World Leaders and Inventors. They will learn songs, rhymes and Bible verses.