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## **Preschool 3 & 4 year-olds Curriculum Overview\_**

Our program focuses on the development of the whole child, through multiple intelligences, differentiated instruction and hands-on learning. The SCEWD curriculum is divided into five major areas of study.

### **Spiritual/Social Development**

Learning about God and His love for us  
Becoming familiar with Bible stories and songs  
Praying before lunch and snacks

Participating in Jesus time and chapel worship  
Developing positive self-esteem

Practicing self-control

Developing a positive relationship with peers and adults  
Helping others and learning to compromise

Making decisions and showing initiative  
Appreciating and celebrating diversity  
Engaging in various levels of play

### **Communication Arts**

Listening to others and sharing information during group discussion  
Developing speaking, listening and writing skills

### **Expressive Arts**

Furthering self-expression and communication skills through individual and group activities  
Use of building materials for expression

### **Wellness**

Working with large muscle groups to further development of upper and lower body skills  
Refining the development of fine motor skills

Engaging in vigorous indoor and outdoor play

### **Discovery**

Furthering knowledge of critical thinking and problem solving  
Furthering knowledge of math concepts through investigation and use of manipulatives  
Hypothesizing, predicting and testing scientific concepts

Demonstrating knowledge through dramatic and block play  
Learning about the world through hands-on sensory experiences

### **Teacher's Role**

Organization of content  
Preparing the environment

Guiding and monitoring children's progress  
Identify instructional needs of individual children  
Create and maintain a system for assessment