



WHAT DOES PATHS TO QUALITY LEVEL 3 MEAN?



- Heavy focus on staff education & training
- Planned curriculum centered around child development & school readiness 
- Focus on health & safety standards
- Seek regular feedback from families & staff to improve program functions



WHAT DOES HIGH QUALITY LOOK LIKE?

Classroom environments set up to include 10
different learning areas

- Writing
- Sensory
- Blocks & Building
- Dramatic Play
- Math & Manipulatives
- Science & Discovery
- Reading & Literacy
- Creative Arts
- Music & Movement
- Technology

Nurturing Interactions & Relationships

Qualified, Engaged Educators

Play-based Enriching Curriculum

Clean, Safe & Organized Spaces

Strong Family Engagement

State Ranking



**"WHAT A WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITY TO LET
YOUR CHILDREN GROW AND
DEVELOP INTO A **READY TO
GO KINDERGARTNER.**"**

-Guardian of '25/'26 year student



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"My daughter, Hollis, had a great preschool experience. She loved her teacher, Mrs. Griffith. She became so familiar with the letters and sounds. As a primary teacher myself, that was really important to me. She got to explore through playing, and was always eager to come home and tell us what they did. I loved the pictures we would receive of the kids doing hands on activities. This also introduced her to working with others, and continuing to develop her social skills."

-Lindsay McKinley



WHY PLAY-BASED LEARNING?

Play-based learning is an educational approach that uses a child's natural desire to play as the primary context for learning and development.

Builds brain connections: Early play stimulates neuroplasticity and shapes structural brain development.

Develops social skills: Children practice sharing, negotiation, empathy, and conflict resolution during group play.

Enhances language growth: Verbal interactions during play expand vocabulary and communication skills.



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Fosters emotional regulation: Role-playing helps children process feelings and build self-regulation.

Improves physical health: Active play develops gross motor, fine motor, and spatial awareness skills.

Encourages critical thinking: Open-ended materials force children to test ideas and problem-solve.



WHY DO FAMILIES CHOOSE US?

Our 57 Net Promoter Score reflects the positive experiences children and families have every day in our Preschool program.

