

CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOR PRESCHOOL



Individualized. Supportive. Effective.



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We believe that the best way to help children succeed is to teach them to be creative, confident thinkers. That means offering them opportunities for hands-on exploration and discovery that help build lifelong critical thinking skills and foster confidence. The Creative Curriculum for Preschool provides teachers with the content and tools needed to encourage and support every type of learner and address the developmental domains of cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.

The Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center utilizes Creative Curriculum and its assessment tool (GOLD). Creative Curriculum is an Arkansas State approved early childhood curriculum package that aligns with the K-12 Common Core curriculum standards.

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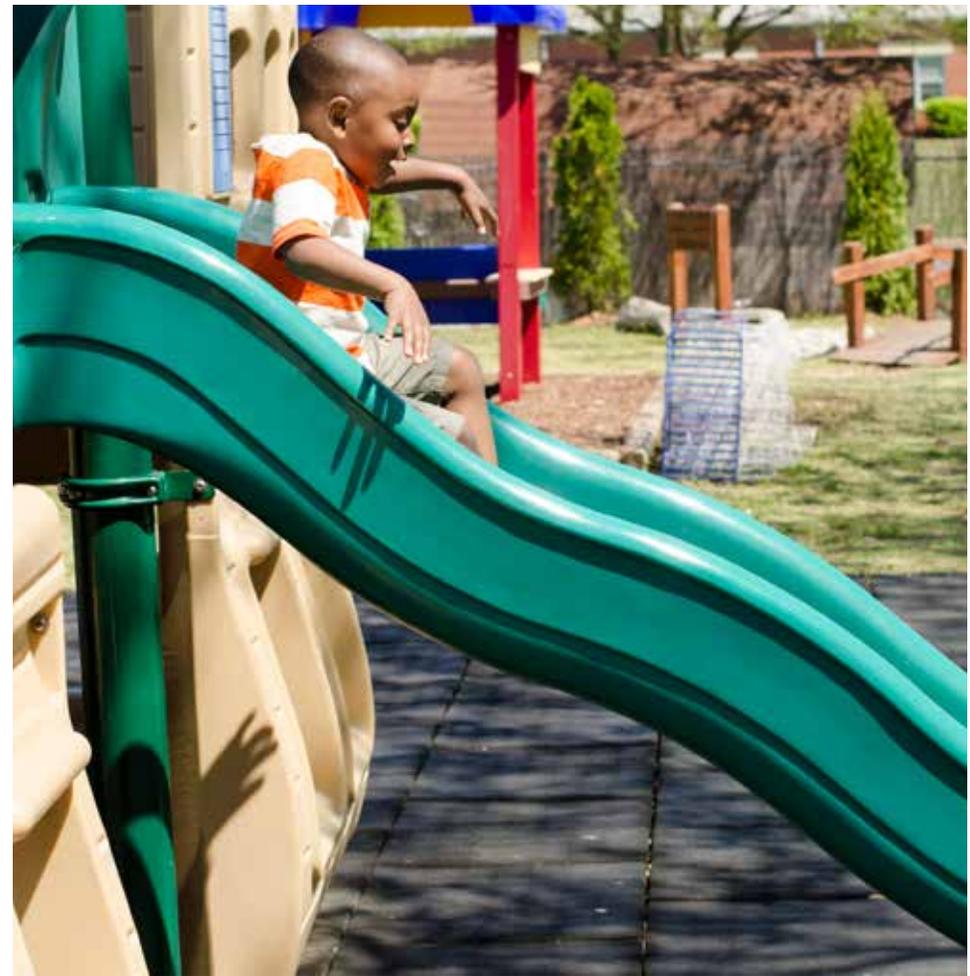


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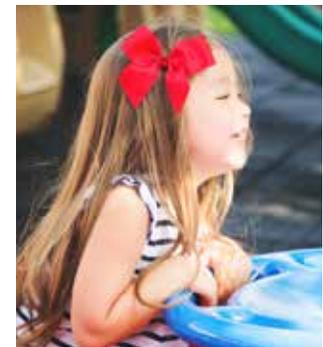
Nationally known for its forward thinking, rigorously researched model, The Creative Curriculum has been trusted for decades by early childhood educators in classrooms across the country. It focuses on meeting the needs of individual children, while honoring and respecting the role that teachers play in making learning engaging and meaningful for every child.

Support provided to teachers includes:

- Guidance for individualizing instruction
- Book Discussion Cards with probing questions to help teachers nurture the critical thinking skills
- A robust book collection that includes complex texts and a wide variety of literature, from fiction to non-fiction and poetry to picture books
- Learning through studies, in which hands-on opportunities for exploration offer the chance for children to practice critical approaches to learning; attention, engagement, persistence, problem solving, flexibility, inventiveness in thinking, curiosity and motivation
- Support for encouraging the development of social-emotional skills such as resolving conflict, sharing responsibilities and working collaboratively



Research-based. Innovative.
Engaging. Fun.



WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES FOR

DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING?

Social-Emotional

- Regulates own emotions and behaviors
- Establishes and sustains positive relationships
- Participate cooperatively and constructively in group situations

Physical

- Demonstrates traveling skills
- Demonstrates balancing skills
- Demonstrates gross- motor manipulative skills
- Demonstrates fine-motor strength and coordination

Language

- Listens to and understands increasingly complex language
- Uses language to express thoughts and needs
- Uses appropriate conversational and other communication skills

Cognitive

- Demonstrates positive approaches to learning
- Remembers and connects experiences
- Uses classification skills
- Uses symbols and images to represent something not present

Literacy

- Demonstrates phonological awareness, phonics skills and word recognition
- Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet
- Demonstrates knowledge of print and its uses
- Comprehends and responds to books and other texts
- Demonstrates emergent writing skills

Mathematics

- Uses number concepts and operations
- Explores and describes spatial relationships and shapes
- Compares and measures
- Demonstrates knowledge of patterns

Social Studies

- Demonstrates knowledge about self
- Shows basic understanding of people and how they live
- Explores change related to familiar people or places
- Demonstrates simple geographic knowledge

Arts

- Explores the visual arts
- Explores musical concepts and expression
- Explores dance and movement concepts
- Explores drama through actions and language

English Language Acquisition

- Demonstrates process in listening to and understanding English
- Demonstrates progress in speaking English

Science and Technology

- Uses scientific inquiry skills
- Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics of living things
- Demonstrates knowledge of the physical properties of the objects and materials
- Demonstrates knowledge of Earth's environment
- Uses tools and other technology to perform tasks



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Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center is
proud to use Creative Curriculum to meet your
child's developmental milestones.

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