



When Mayo Nursery School students graduate to kindergarten, they are extremely well prepared and already familiar with the reading program. The children enjoy learning to read and love to take their books home to share their new skills with parents, family and friends.

Mayo Nursery School helps to build the bridge between home and school.

## 3-Year Old Class Curriculum

### Academic Introduction

- colors and shapes
- patterns/graphing
- sorting/classifying
- counting/one- to-one correspondence
- phonemic awareness
- alphabet/letter recognition (A-Z)

### Book Awareness

- parts of the book
- left to right movement on a page
- front to back movement
- care of books

### Writing and Numbers

- writing letters, numbers, first name
- journal "writing"
- writing numbers to 10
- number recognition

### Socialization

- taking turns
- sharing
- listening
- learning classroom routines

## 4-Year Old Class Curriculum

Mayo Nursery School uses the preschool version of the Open Court Reading Program that is utilized throughout all of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Using this program, the 4-year-old classes are introduced to new words and are given small, paper books called "Decodeables." These Decodeables focus on common site words. Additionally, the program utilizes various materials to teach children letters and sounds that they make.

### Print/Book Awareness

- follow left to right, top to bottom
- parts of a book
- care of a book

### Phonemic Awareness

- focus on hearing and recognizing words, parts of words and individual sounds/words

### How the Alphabet Works

- letter knowledge
- letter order
- letter sounds and sounds in words

### Writing

- manuscript letters

- journal writing

### Comprehension skills

- compare/contrast
- classify/categorize
- reality/fantasy
- sequencing

### Listening and Speaking

- ask/answer questions
- follow directions
- respond to speaker
- participate in group discussions
- share information
- speak clearly and at an appropriate volume