





# Getting Ready for Pre-K

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District 20 Pre-K Centers



# Vision Statement

At the District 20 Pre-K Centers, we encourage curiosity and exploration through play-based learning.

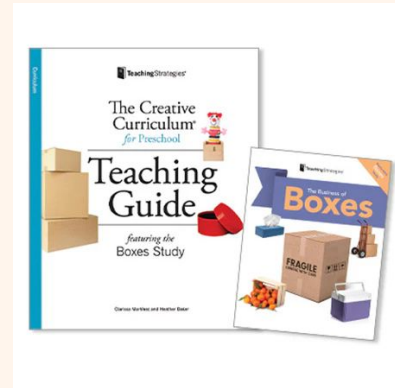
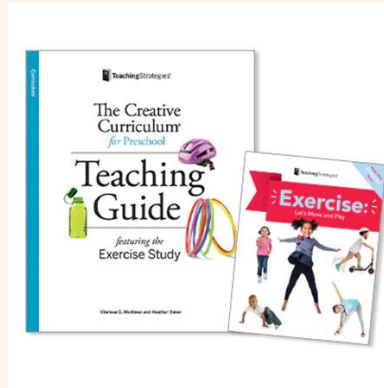
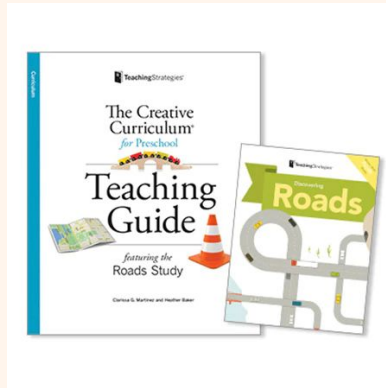
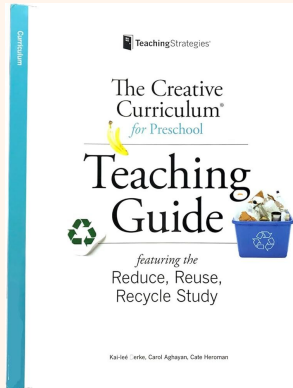
We celebrate diversity and are committed to support each child's individuality. We welcome partnerships with families and members of the school community to build relationships that enhance the development of our youngest learners. We are dedicated to creating an environment where great beginnings never end.



# Creative Curriculum

The creative curriculum is a interest-based learning in motivating children to demonstrate a curiosity and enthusiasm for a particular area or topic.

Some of the Investigations may include:



# Interest Areas

There are distinct interest areas such as

- **Blocks**
- **Dramatic play**
- **Toys and games**
- **Art**
- **Discovery**
- **Library**
- **Sand and Water**

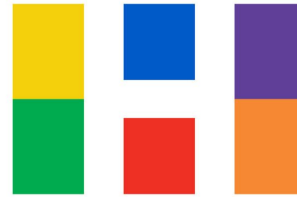


# Heggerty

The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum provides daily **phonemic awareness** lessons to develop essential reading skills.

## 5 Phonological Awareness Skills

1. Rhyme
2. Initial Phoneme Isolation
3. Blending
4. Segmenting
5. Final Phoneme Isolation



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# How to prepare your child for Pre-K



# Talk About School

- Have conversations with your child.
- Ask your child to tell you how they're feeling about starting Pre-K.



# Read Books

- It is important to read to your child everyday.
- There are lots of books about children starting pre-kindergarten and they can be available at your **nearest public library**.





# Self-Help Skills

- When your child goes off to pre-k on their own, it's important they know self-help skills.
- Some of these skills include:
  - hanging up their coat on their own
  - putting on their backpack
  - getting their shoes on and off



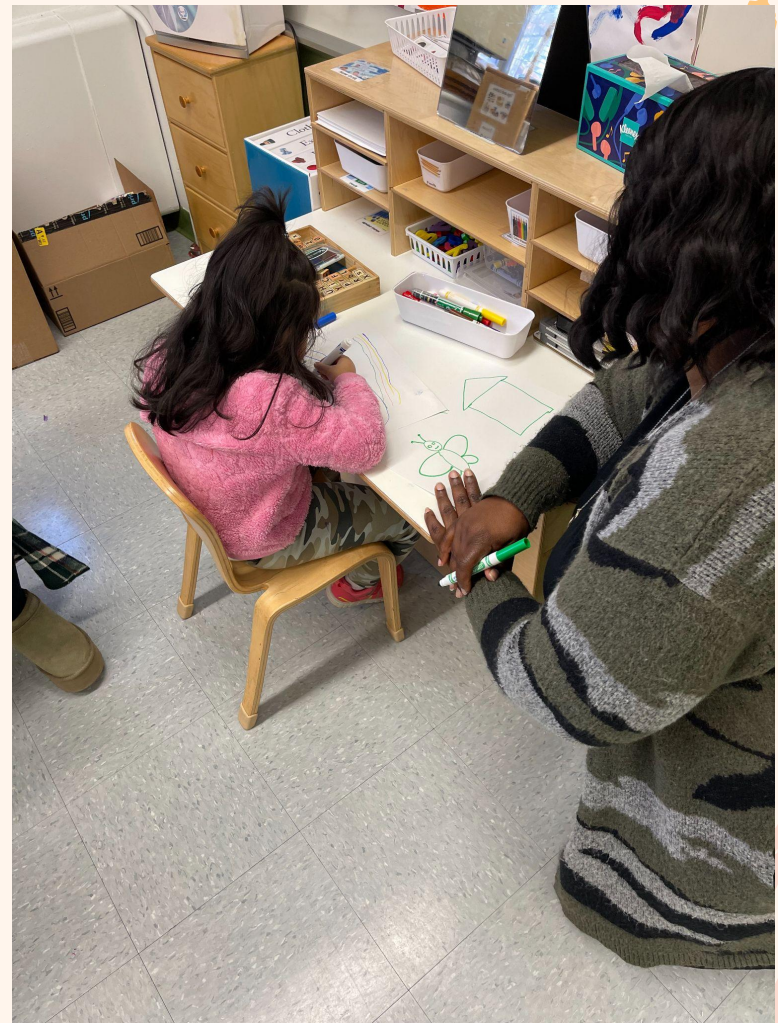
# Writing

Encourage your child to continue practicing writing his/her name.



# Drawing

- Keep crayons, markers and paper at home and encourage your child to draw.
- Encourage creativity.



# Building Independence

- Allow your child to **help** with daily routines, chores or activities. Encourage your child to take on **small tasks** such as:
  - picking up toys after playtime
  - helping put away groceries
  - cleaning up their room
  - setting the table or cleaning up the table after a meal





# Offers and Ongoing Support

You will be receiving an offer for Pre-K at the end of May. If you receive an offer from one of our District 20 Pre-K's and you accept, you will be contacted to upload registration information to Operoo.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's site and speak with the site coordinator. We will continue to assist you in this transition regardless of which school you choose.