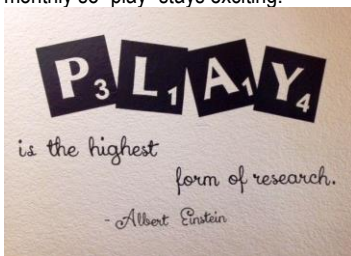


Curriculum Information – What Does Our Early Childhood Education Program Look Like this School Year 2018-2019?

Understanding that children learn best when information is organized and connected, Pettit Private School includes a research-based, themed curriculum in all classrooms. Each month, a new theme is selected and broken down into weekly mini-themes. All letters, shapes, colors, stories, arts and crafts, field trips and other learning experiences support the monthly theme, which allows children to create organized "files" within their brains from which they can later, more easily, retrieve. Learning begins in our infant room and continues through our Pre-K program with information and learning experiences becoming more complex, building upon previous, learned knowledge. Below is SOME of what is included in our Early Childhood Education program to help your child grow and bloom!

- **All Kiddos: Year at a Glance!** Want to know what your kiddo will be learning all year? Check out our Year at a Glance document – our curriculum...at a glance! And we publish **Monthly Activity Calendars** to give you a snapshot of each month. **Make sure to pick these up in the school's foyer!*
- **All Kiddos: Weekly Lesson Plans** are created by each teacher based on the weekly themes – and tailored to their kiddos' interests and needs. **These are posted in each classroom – check them out!*
- **All Kiddos: Consistent, Daily Schedules** are followed in all classrooms so kiddos establish a daily routine that helps them anticipate what's coming next in the day. This consistency reduces anxiety, ultimately helping them fully participate each day and thrive! **Daily Schedules are posted in each classroom!*
- **Toddler 1s/Twaddlers – PK: Updated Developmental Checklists/Skill Sets** so we can ensure kiddos are "staying on track" in all developmental areas (socially, emotionally, physically and academically!) ***Portfolios** are kept on each child to house the checklists and artifacts showing his/her skill mastery and growth!
- **PK: Progress reports!** Kiddos will be assessed each December and May and reports sent home as well. It is expected that you will see tremendous growth from Sept. – May!
- **All Kiddos (most months): Fun with Faith (FWF) Weeks** take place each month. This is a time when teachers focus on a significant Bible theme utilizing songs, books, arts, crafts, etc. to immerse kiddos in God's word! **FWF topics are included on the Year at a Glance & Monthly Activity Calendars!*
- **All Kiddos: Creative arts and crafts** that support the weekly themes, chosen not only to help kiddos learn about subjects but also develop necessary fine motor skills!
- **Toddlers – PK: Themed-Related Lessons** that support the weekly themes. This time is when teachers get super creative in teaching kiddos new information, utilizing books, technology, super fun and engaging activities, etc. to help kiddos "bloom" in their knowledge!
- **Toddlers – PK: "Purposeful play"** in meaningful and theme-related learning "centers" that promotes healthy growth in all developmental areas! Items are rotated monthly so "play" stays exciting!



- **Toddlers – PK: Themed material & awesome sensory tubs** are included during "purposeful play!"
- **ELs – PK: A "moving" morning circle time** packed with pledges, calendar & daily routine cards reinforcing important skills including letters, numbers, colors, shapes, rhyme, weather, rhythm, patterns, CVC words, addition/subtraction, fine/gross motor skills & so much more!

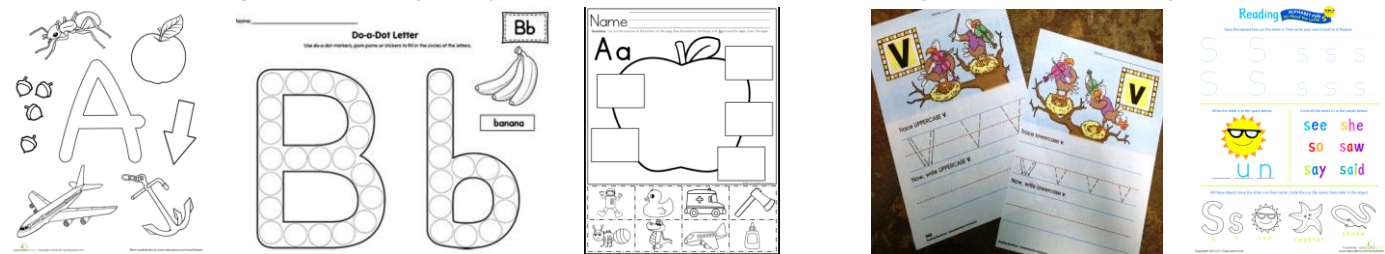


- **Infants – Toddlers: Themed boxes** that contain fun, stimulating, age-appropriate items/activities that support the month's theme! A picture list of these items is posted outside the classrooms each month!
- **ELs – Pre-K: BAM Boxes!** These boxes contain activities that help kiddos grow in all developmental areas! BAM boxes are added to the EL's "purposeful play" time, while PS and PK classes have an allotted time each day for these in rotating, small groups! *EL's BAM Box info. will be posted in/outside their classroom. PS and PK parents, make sure to pick up the monthly BAM Box sheet in the foyer to read about what's in the boxes and the skills they teach/reinforce!
- **ELs – PK: Daily Literacy Time** where teachers focus on teaching kiddos letters/sounds & other pre-reading skills. Each week, we follow this schedule: **Mon.:** See & Hear the letter! **Tues.:** See & Hear the letter again! **Wed.:** Trace/Write the letter! **Thurs.:** Make the letter! **Fri.:** Engaging letter activities!

During this time, the Early Learners, Preschool & Pre-K programs include the **Christian-based A Beka curriculum, the Animal Alphabet!** Kiddos learn letters and their sounds through SONG! Beautiful **hand and finger puppets** are also used reinforce letters and their sounds. Additionally, Preschool & Pre-K kiddos are exposed to **monthly, theme-related words**, while the Pre-K kiddos learn **25 sight words** (utilizing Scholastic's 25 sight word flip chart and poems) that they will need to know as they enter Kindergarten!



- **ELs – PK: "Core" learning worksheets** during Literacy Time to help reinforce letter and sound knowledge, the foundation for reading & writing success!



- **PK: Scholastic My Big World Magazines** are included each month (see the Monthly Activity Calendar) and are packed with tons of non-fiction information and activities that support our monthly themes! (Look for these to come home with your kiddos!)
- **PK: BOB Books (Beginner Readers)** (starting in March) to help strengthen letter sounds and rhyming knowledge, which promotes early reading!
- **All Kiddos: Scholastic Book Club magazines** are made available each month so parents can order age-appropriate books and other great literacy items to use at home! And every time you make a purchase, Pettit Private School earns points so we can order items for our classroom libraries! THANK YOU!

We balance learning & play, which makes for a healthy day in Early Childhood Education!

In addition to ALL OF THE ABOVE, kiddos get to participate in the following **Enrichment Programs** (all paid for by PPS!):



Celebration with Mrs. Traci each month! Celebration is a fun way for Mrs. Traci Pettit to interact with the kiddos God has brought to PPS and to plant seeds of Truth and love in their hearts!



Miss Jane's Music Play! Toddlers – PK kiddos get to "shake and move it" with Miss Jane's Music Play every other week! Music and Movement is a tried-and-true, research-based music-learning philosophy that provides the building blocks of music enjoyment and understanding!



Go Kid Fit! EL, PS and PK kiddos get to join Mr. Sam in his Go Kid Fit physical education program – EACH WEEK! This physically stimulating program focuses on the 4 F's of physical education: Fundamentals, fitness, friendship and fun! *Make sure to pick up his monthly newsletter in the school's foyer!

We are excited – and honored – you've chosen Pettit Private School to be your child's "home" for Early Childhood Education! We look forward to loving your kiddo and helping him/her grow & bloom...ultimately, partnering with you to help lay the strong foundation upon which the rest of his/her life will be built!

Sincerely, *Jon & Traci Pettit*