



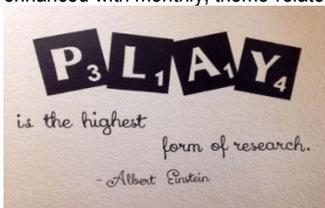
# PETTIT PRIVATE SCHOOL

Purpose. Passion. Success.

## Curriculum Information – What Does *Our* Early Childhood Education Program Look Like this School Year 2023-2024?

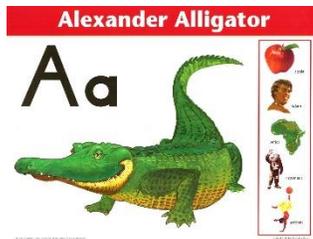
Understanding that children learn best when information is organized and connected, Pettit Private School includes a research-based, themed curriculum in all classrooms. Each month, a new theme is selected and broken down into weekly mini-themes. All letters, shapes, colors, stories, arts and crafts, 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 her 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!*
- **All Kiddos: 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! *\*Portfolios are given to children on their last day at PPS or if they continue through our program, at Pre-K graduation... a neat keepsake for sure!*
- **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 September – May!
- **All Kiddos (most months): Fun with Faith (FWF)** is a time when teachers focus (usually a week) 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: 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! *\*These lessons are included on the Weekly Lesson Plans!*
- **All Kiddos: Themed boxes** that contain fun, stimulating, age-appropriate items/activities and awesome books that support the month's theme! Teachers take items from the boxes and add them to their classroom learning zones – or read to the children – to enhance, extend and keep kiddos interested in learning! **School-age kiddos** even have their own monthly boxes loaded with lots of STEAM activities as well!
- **Toddlers – PK: "Purposeful play"** in meaningful learning "centers" (classroom zones) that promotes healthy growth in all developmental areas! These areas are enhanced with monthly, theme-related items so "play" stays exciting!

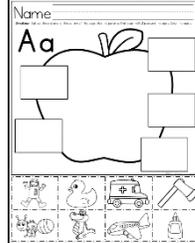
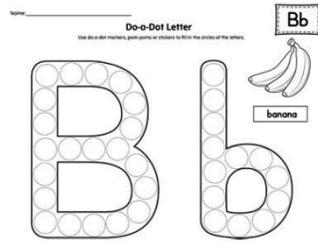
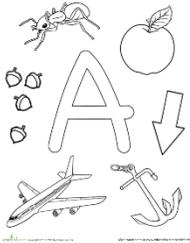


- **All Kiddos: Creative arts and crafts** that support the weekly themes, chosen not only to help kiddos learn about subjects but also develop necessary fine motor skills!
- **All Kiddos: Different music genres** are chosen each month and played throughout the day on the classroom ECHO DOT. What a neat way for children to enjoy music: a universal language with the ability to communicate a wide variety of emotion! *\*Music genres are listed on the Year at a Glance & Monthly Activity Calendars!*
- **Toddlers – PK: A morning circle time** packed with pledges, Bible stories/prayer, 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 (age-appropriate, of course!)
- **Early Learners, Preschool & Pre-K: STEM Shelf** (located in the cafeteria): This shelf has a variety of age-appropriate STEM-focused activities, including sensory tubs, that teachers pull from each week & incorporate into their lesson plans/daily routine.
- **Early Learners, Preschool & Pre-K: BAM Boxes!** These boxes contain STEAM-focused activities, including science experiments/projects, that help kiddos grow in all developmental areas! EL, PS and PK classes have an allotted time each day on/in their daily schedules for these enrichment/extension activities! *\*Make sure to pick up the BAM Box sheet in the foyer! BAM Box content changes each month.*
- **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 Abeka 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. Pre-K kiddos also 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!) *\*These are shared with Preschool to use as a whole group!*
- **PK: Cultural Awareness studies!** Kiddos will go “around the world” exploring different countries (geography) and their culture from a child’s perspective. Abeka’s “Children of the World” curriculum will be used! Though this study will be more thorough in the PK classroom, all children will get to experience the cultures as culture-specific music, games, food, items, etc. will be brought into the curriculum throughout the month! *\*See the Year at a Glance for the country experienced each month, October – May.*
- **Enrichment Activities** each month help promote and extend kiddos’ learning, and they are an authentic way to make learning more fun for everyone! Some of these activities include Fall and Winter festivals, magical pumpkin patches, school-wide birthday parties for Jesus and the USA, Dr. Seuss and Texas, a petting zoo, the Creature Teacher, Will Baffle – the kid magician, visits from the local librarians and fire departments, the Fun Bus & Gymboree On-the-Go to name a few! *\*Activities are subject to change each school year based on availability.*

**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 **Extra-Curricular Programs**:



**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! Celebration takes place September – May!



**Miss Jane’s Music Play!** Infants – 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! It coincides with Dr. Feierabend’s foundation to develop artful, tuneful, beat-full children! This program is scheduled to run September – August, with School-age children participating in the Summer!



**Teams of Tomorrow!** Every other week, Ms. TOT will teach our Preschool and Pre-K kiddos athletics, academics, and agility. These classes are focused around improving kiddos’ physical and mental growth through movement and music. TOT uses the perfect mixture of physical movement, hand-eye coordination, and brain use to maximize the growth of Preschool and Pre-K children! This program will run September – May!

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(s) and helping him/her grow & bloom...ultimately, partnering with you to help lay the strong foundation upon which the rest your child’s life will be built!

Let’s BLOOM together this year, *Jon & Traci Pettit* & all of Pettit Private School’s SUPER staff! 😊