

WHO ARE WE?

Jamberry Preschool is designed to be an integrated 7 and 7 program, specifically 7 "little linguists" and 7 children with mild-moderate speech, language, or social delays.

Its curriculum fosters participation, language, creative thinking, and interaction with peers.

Our philosophy is to expose children to rich materials and experiences to boost academics, language, cognition, and social competence.



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*a linguistically,
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THE JAMBERRY CURRICULUM



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Program is designed to challenge preschoolers in a language-rich and cognitively-rich environment.

Materials and techniques from some of the finest curriculums

and theorists have been woven seamlessly into a unique and eclectic curriculum, including: Montessori, High-Scope, Bright Start, Math Their Way, Whole Language/Emergent Literacy, the Core Knowledge Series, Waldorf and Reggio Emilia.

Jamberry fosters skills in **eight domains**: Personal-Social, Self-Help and Personal Responsibility, Fine and Perceptual Motor, Gross Motor, Auditory Processing, Expressive Communication, Cognition, and Cultural Literacy.

Room Arrangements, Activities, and Materials foster **active learning, sensorial exploration, respect and care for the environment.**

Jamberry's staff uses mediational teaching to develop meta-cognitive skills. **Promoting cognitive development** means encouraging the development of thinking attitudes, which include curiosity and persistence, and thinking skills such as managing one's own thinking, categorizing, and planning.

Children's Literature is used daily, and alternately explored using the following methods: Whole Language, Emergent Literacy, and Guided Reading. Jamberry believes the preschool years are an ideal time to expose children to the meaning and function of language, words, and letters.

Mathematical Concepts are learned through Active Learning, Manipulatives, Projects, and Center-Based Learning. Children practice skills such as 1:1 correspondence, seriation, number concepts (*more/fewer*), comparing amounts and enumeration.

Especially during Center Time, children practice specific skills. **Readiness concepts** in the areas of math, pre-reading, colors, shapes, categorizing, sorting, identifying features and functions, associations, parts of a whole, fine motor skills will be emphasized and monitored daily.

Especially during Experiential Time, children will use **imagination and collaboration** to creative whimsical and elaborate projects. Cooking, arts and crafts, basic construction, music and drama will all be explored.

Themes, Vocabulary, and Concepts are carefully chosen to build a core knowledge base. **Cultural Literacy** is encouraged through a balance of themes that reach beyond traditional. Examples include: France, Colors and Light, Volcanoes, Sports, Rainforest, Whales, Pirates, Kindness.

Listening to others, following directions both in table activities and natural environments, **auditory and phonological awareness activities** are a mainstay at Jamberry Preschool. A linguistically challenging curriculum supported by a Speech Language Pathologist should enable all children to optimally develop auditory comprehension.

Expressive Communication including grammar and syntax, answering Wh-questions and inferential questions, as well as relating thoughts, feelings, ideas, and experiences will be directly fostered by the Jamberry teachers. Children with articulation needs will receive individual attention to develop a more mature sound system.

Children's games are used to teach fundamental concepts of **social and communicative interaction**. Children learn to reference each other, take turns and share, synchronize and coordinate their actions.

Children's **dramatic and symbolic play** is invaluable. A bevy of opportunities and magical materials (castles, costumes; giant soft blocks; lofts and tents; twinkling lights; puppets; etc.) are offered to encourage such play. Children are facilitated to engage both in solitary and group imaginative play. Circles of communication, ideation and emotional ideas, and logical thinking are fostered using DIR techniques.

Fine Motor development is attended to systematically and carefully. Activities are designed in a play-based format to develop hand-strength, in-hand manipulation and translational skills. An occupational therapist consults to facilitate developmentally correct grasp and use of utensils.

Gross Motor activities are also carefully designed and systematically developmental. Jamberry has a large gym with suspended equipment, a climbing wall, a loft/slide/trap door system, a trampoline, mats, etc. Children will practice gross motor skills and engage in tactile, proprioceptive, and vestibular activities year round.

Jamberry's classrooms are soft, neutral, and peaceful. Exuberance and active learning emanates from the ideas of the children and the teachers. **Awareness of nature and stillness** is regularly fostered.

Jamberry Preschool hopes to be a safe and happy haven for children to learn and play. It is our hope to have a family-like atmosphere where children can relax and learn.