

Our Rainbow Kids Family Childcare

Curriculum and Activities

When a child enters our program, he/she enters with a wealth of knowledge obtained from home - through family, culture, and community.

The curriculum is built around the strengths, needs and interests of the individual children. The Director and teachers obtain knowledge about child's development from parents and use it to customize the activities and to what is individually appropriate.

We offer state of the art facility that includes three spacious rooms and two outside decks. The lay-out enables staff to deliver curriculum alternative small and large groups, and one-on-one in-or outside. Versatile space design permits children to tailor their interests, and participate in multiple everyday structured and elective classes. Some of our elective classes are: Yoga, Ballet, Music program, French Language Lessons.

In addition to everyday scheduled activities, we take nature walks, weekly visits to the local library and playground, field trips to museums, gardens, parks, police and fire stations, seasonal and holiday's fairs, local attractions, and we invite special programs like professional puppet shows, science classes, clay art classes, and many others.

We are proud to highlight our famous Halloween parties hosted by the Director of Our Rainbow Kids – the event where the families gather together to share their creative costumes and just to have a great time.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are equal contributors to the educational process. Many choose to facilitate activities of their choice and share their professional or hobby-like expertise.

Director and Teachers prepare the environment:

- From making observations of each individual child's interests and developmental levels
- By planning age and developmentally appropriate activities
- To design specific learning activities for small groups
- To reflect the cultures of the children represented and society as a whole
- By interacting with children in ways, which introduces them to new concepts and continuously build upon prior experiences

We believe:

- All children share certain needs and can benefit from a comprehensive interdisciplinary program that will foster social, emotional, cognitive, psychomotor and language/linguistic development through a broad range of services.
- In using a child-centered approach
- In providing an environment that promotes learning
- In providing activities based on children's interests, developmental skills, culture and language
- The focus of the curriculum must come from the children

Our Rainbow Kids teachers will help your child to get ready for school. The educational program and daily activities focus on developing or improving the following skills for school: Literacy, Math, Fine and Gross Motor, Visual Perception, Problem Solving, Social and Communication, Ability to Deal Constructively with emotions, Self-help skills.

Our Rainbow Kids Teachers uses *Mother Goose Time* comprehensive preschool curriculum (www.mothergoosetime.com). The intensive Pre-K prep materials intentionally imbed child development theories and brain-based research in the curriculum framework as well as social constructivism learning principles and practices. Our Program lays the foundation for a lifetime of successful learning. The highlights of the program are:

- Children learn through hands-on experiences
- Creating a structured, safe nurturing learning environment promotes learning
- Teachable moments happen many times throughout the day
- Asking open ended questions facilitates the development of critical-thinking skills
- Learning should be about the process, not the product
- Children develop at varying rates and times, and they learn through play
- Activities focus on the whole child and help the child develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually
- Young children thrive in environments that create routine. Routines offer learning opportunities about themselves, others and the world around them.
- Preschool is prime opportunity to develop social skills

Mother Goose time curriculum meets and exceeds Nationals and State educational standards.

Head start Alignment for California (volume 1, volume 2, volume 3, and 2015 DRDP), NAEYC Alignment, and Common Core Alignment

To learn more about skills and standards of the program we learn and apply daily, [click here](#).