

NECCS Pre-K & Kindergarten Curriculum



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= Excellence in Education!

What will my child's experience be in a Tools Pre-K classroom?

- A child in a Tools classroom is partnered with and plays with every other child in the class.
- Your child's teachers will individualize instruction, meeting each child where he or she is in development each day.
- Your child will be engaged in rich make-believe play with peers, have the opportunity for free play, and engage in small group and partnered literacy, math and science learning activities throughout the day.
- Tools teachers manage transitions, and set up a classroom environment and schedule to support children's self-regulation and executive functions development.
- Children learn finger-plays, songs and play movement games to recharge as needed.
- Children help transform the classroom into an Egyptian market.

What about Kindergarten?

- Dramatizing the interactions and events in chapter books is the evolution of make-believe play.
- Your child will help transform the classroom into different times and places—from Medieval Europe, to the Savannah; from Ancient Egypt and Japan to the Ice Age and rainforest.
- Children work with teachers in small groups to engage in literacy activities building foundational skills for reading, and write daily using the Tools approach to writing, Scaffolded Writing. They receive reading instruction from the teacher and read daily with a peer.
- Each child has a Learning Plan and children plan their learning each day, setting weekly learning goals and working with a different 'Study Buddy' each week.
- The Tools approach to supporting self-regulation and executive functions development is woven across all activities and the teacher's approach to classroom management.
- In a Tools kindergarten classroom, children are well on their way to being independent self-regulated learners, with the skills they need to be successful in school and life.