

PRIDE ACADEMY

February Overview

Week 1
Infants



Teaching Highlights

English/Language Arts (ELA)

- Read "Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?" and "The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver."
- Encourage early language development through repetitive words, songs, and pointing at pictures.
- Engage in interactive storytelling, emphasizing intonation, facial expressions, and vocal play.

Phonics

- Introduce and reinforce the /b/ sound using repetitive songs and simple words like "ball" and "baby."
- Encourage infants to listen to and imitate letter sounds through caregiver interaction.

Mathematics

- Count to 4 using clapping, stacking blocks, and simple repetition games.
- Provide tactile experiences with shapes and sizes, focusing on stars through visual tracking and play.

Science

- Explore sensory bottles with star shapes and yellow/brown objects to promote visual engagement.
- Introduce simple cause-and-effect concepts through tactile exploration of objects and color-mixing activities.
- Encourage early curiosity through interactive play with light and shadows.

Social Studies

- Support early relationship-building by encouraging gentle touch and eye contact activities.
- Explore community helpers through picture books and caregiver interactions.
- Promote self-awareness by using mirrors and reflective surfaces for facial recognition activities.

Creative Arts

- Encourage sensory exploration with finger painting in yellow and brown.
- Use soft materials for hands-on sensory play to explore textures and colors.
- Introduce music through movement-based rhythm play.

Approaches to Play & Learning

- Foster early curiosity and exploration through tummy time with textured objects.
- Support cause-and-effect understanding through grasping and dropping activities.
- Engage in gentle movement play, incorporating music, caregiver interaction, and guided exploration.

Physical Health & Growth (PHG)

- Encourage gross motor development through tummy time, rolling, and reaching games.
- Support hand-eye coordination with tracking and reaching activities.
- Introduce gentle movement exercises through caregiver-led bouncing and stretching.

Overview of the Week

Theme: Black Inventors

Colors: Yellow & Brown

Shape: Star

Number: 4

Letter: Bb

Key Learning Goals:

Language & Communication: Encourage early literacy through interactive storytelling, listening activities, and vocal engagement.

Sensory Exploration: Engage infants with textures, sounds, and visuals to stimulate cognitive and motor development.

Social-Emotional Development: Support bonding, facial recognition, and self-awareness through guided interactions and mirror play.

Motor Skills Development: Promote gross and fine motor movement through reaching, grasping, tummy time, and crawling activities.

Classroom Notes for Teachers

- Use simple, repetitive language to encourage early communication skills.
- Engage infants through sensory-rich experiences like soft fabrics, textured objects, and calming music.
- Support bonding and relationship-building through eye contact, smiling, and gentle touch interactions.
- Encourage self-awareness and recognition using mirrors and interactive gestures.