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Chatter Box

Chatter Box is a center-based group which provides opportunities for the development of speech, language, and oral coordination skills in a child's natural routine of play and through functional activities. Weekly, themed-based lesson plans address language development through planned curriculum.

General schedule for sessions:

Free Play: (15 minutes)

Puzzles
Books
Hands on toys

Free play addresses: social skills, turn taking, and receptive and expressive language

Beginning Circle: (15 minutes)

Hello song
Who is here today?
Songs and Finger plays
Introduce and discuss theme

Beginning circle addresses: social skills, turn taking, name and picture identification, making a choice of song, and expressive language skills.

Activity Time/Stations: (45 minutes)

Arts and crafts
Games
Motor activities

Activity time addresses: social skills, turn taking, expressive language, problem solving, gross and fine motor skills (i.e. – using scissors, crayons, crawling through tunnels, etc.), and receptive language.

Book Time Circle: (15 minutes)

Read theme related story
Story boards
Songs

Book time addresses: early literacy skills, social skills, and receptive and expressive language

Snack Time: (30 minutes)

Small snack and drink

Snack time addresses: social skills, oral motor skills including tasting a variety of textures, and feeding skills (using cups, forks, spoons, etc)

Sensory Play and Oral Motor Fun: (30 minutes)

Sensory tables

Swing

Bubbles

Whistles

Sensory and oral motor fun addresses: social skills, expressive language and oral motor skills

Closing Circle: (15 minutes)

Goodbye song

Review session activities and theme

Songs and Finger plays

Closing circle addresses: social skills, turn taking, and expressive language skills

Parent Education and Training