

**Blue Horses (three-year old preschool)**

This classroom introduces a preschool curriculum to children. Preschool is offered daily from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our lead teacher holds a CDA and is working towards an AA in Early Childhood Education. All staff in the classroom have at least ten to twelve hours of annual preschool training. As busy three-year olds work and play together, they experience many opportunities to grow and develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively. They begin to assume more responsibilities in the classroom, enter into group participation, and learn to cooperate with their teachers and peers. The Creative Curriculum is used to plan lessons, to assess children three times a year, and to create goals which are shared with families at conferences. Staff ratio in this classroom is one teacher to every eight children with a group size of 16. A third staff member may be brought in during morning preschool to help with projects and activities. Meals are served family style so children learn how to pass, scoop, pour, and wait until everyone is served before eating. Naps are taken every afternoon. Large motor time is scheduled daily outside if the weather allows or in the motor room. The afternoon schedule includes a mixture of structured and free-play opportunities. (QPPS 10.4)