

CORE CURRICULUM

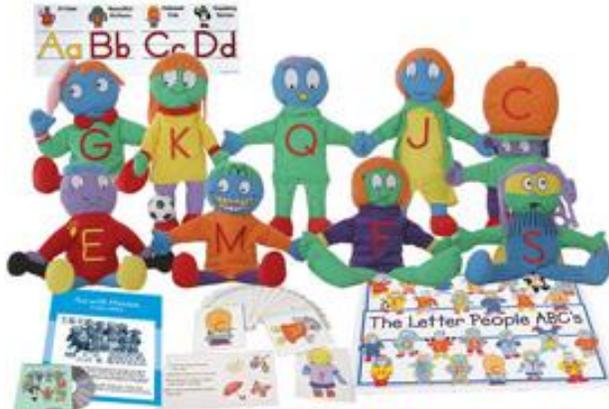
Literature:

Abrams and Co. Letter People

This innovative program is based on the following strongly held beliefs:

- ***School should be a place of enjoyment**—play is the work of young children, and learning should be fun!
- ***Learning proceeds from prior knowledge**—moving from the known to the new.
- ***Learning of any given concept or skill occurs best in context.** Accordingly, the best educational program provides integrated experiences.
- ***Literacy development is an emergent process**—depending on ample opportunity for use of receptive and productive oral language, exposure to various forms of print, experiences with drawing and writing, and formal examination of sounds and letters and their relationships.
- * **Hands-on activities are crucial**—children learn by doing.
- * **Physical development is essential**—gross motor activities should be encouraged.
- * **Healthy social development** is a key to success in school—and in life!

The Letter People express these beliefs through the reality of an interactive, interest-center-based format, allowing children to explore, investigate, and construct knowledge in ways that are interesting and fun.



Mathematics:

TouchMath

Pre-K kids need pre-K materials - Touch math's pre-K materials are specifically tailored to correspond to the motor, cognitive and developmental abilities of children 3-5 years old. The work mat format doesn't require writing, but it offers a simple paper-and-pencil approach for those children who are ready. We use the four year old preschool curriculum which has the students adding by February.

Multisensory makes sense- Children learn most effectively when all of their senses are involved. As they see, say, hear and touch using TouchPoints, they begin to associate numerals with real values. They learn that a numeral (5, for instance) is not just a scribble on a page. It represents a quantity such as five apples, five flowers, five frogs or five TouchPoints.

They learn step-by-step -This sequential strategy gives students the scaffolding they need to be successful every step of the way. Once children understand the Touching/Counting Patterns, they can answer simple math problems easily and correctly. In no time at all, they build self-confidence and progress to more advanced concepts.



Using pictorial objects and TouchPoints, we teach young children to associate numerals with real values (number quantities).

Bible:

Gospel Light

We invite our students into God’s Word with Gospel Light Preschool. Children learn to recognize that Bible is God’s Word and that God loves and cares for us. Each easy-to-use lesson will actively engage every child in the Bible story and lead them to experience God’s love and know Jesus. Students learn Bible Verses, complete crafts and take home lessons.



Fall	Thank You, God	Genesis	Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac	How does God show His love for all creation?
Winter	Jesus is God's Son	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John	Jesus' birth, boyhood, baptism; John the Baptist; Jesus' teachings	What does Jesus teach us about God's love?
Spring	I Learn From Jesus	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts	Jesus' teachings, miracles, death, resurrection; Early Church; Paul	What is the good news about Jesus?

We also have weekly Science Projects, Gardening (we have a wonderful garden where we grow fresh food for our cooking!) and Cooking Time. We study Countries in 3’s and States in 4’s and maintain communication with our EPals from UK, Africa, Hawaii, and Michigan through Digital Projects and Skype. We also use the Storybird website to create online books.

Each week you will receive a newsletter and pictures are posted weekly on our class Shutterfly website along with the weeks recipe and volunteer sign ups.