



## Safari Kid Curriculum Prepares Preschoolers for Kindergarten.

### Social and Emotional Preparedness

At the core of our customized curriculum, we believe in the benefits of play & explorations that promote school readiness . Through our engaging hands-on curriculum, we work with preschool-age children on their social and emotional intelligence to ensure children develop the following skills they need for Kindergarten.

1. **Play and Collaborate with Others** – An ability to play and work well with others is an essential skill for young children to have or be developing. Many of the activities we do in our classroom will encourage cooperative play and allow for plenty of teamwork opportunities.
2. **Follows Directions** – If children cannot follow simple directions, they will struggle with adjusting to their new environment and to their new teacher in Kindergarten. We make sure the preschoolers in our care know that they are expected to listen and to follow directions.
3. **Effectively Communicate with Others** – We increase children's communication skills by having them use complete sentences when they talk, helping them practice their conversation skills, and giving them the tools, they need to expand their vocabulary.
4. **Practice Self-Control** – We focus on establishing boundaries for children and setting humane rules and limits for children to follow which can help young children develop their self-control and self-regulation skills.
5. **Caring for and Empathizes with Others** – In our classrooms we talk to children about embracing differences and similarities and give them plenty of opportunities to practice their manners.

## Academic Preparedness

At Safari Kid we polish a variety of academic-related skills to help children prepare for the transition to kindergarten .

1. **Early Math Skills** – Children are taught beginning skills in math and literacy (counting, sorting, etc.)
2. **Early Literacy Skills.** The curriculum focuses on phonics and emergent picture book reading exercises for children.
3. **Self-Efficiency** – Our curriculum teaches them how to wash their hands, brush their teeth, etc. encourages independence and has a positive effect on their overall health now and in the future.
4. **Natural Curiosity Enhanced Through Scientific Explorations** – We take time to encourage children's natural curiosity in preschool science classes. Natural curiosity will help rising kindergarteners explore different concepts, ask questions, and experiment in the classroom science labs. They'll also be more open to trying new things.

## Physical Development:

**1. Gross Motor Skills** – We help preschoolers develop the gross motor skills they need to participate in activities that require coordination and balance. They will eventually use these skills to ride a bike without training wheels, play tag on the playground, and participate in team sports.

**2. Fine Motor Skills** – Our curriculum helps children develop fine motor skills they need to hold a pencil or paintbrush and use it fairly well by the time they enter kindergarten.

