

What is The Creative Curriculum?

The Creative Curriculum is based on sound developmental theory and has been validated by numerous research studies. Its 38 Objectives for Development and Learning align with state standards across the nation. As new research emerges in child development, The Creative Curriculum and its parent company Teaching Strategies seek new strategies and adopt accordingly.

This responsive approach to learning and development means that our staff regularly has the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities. We realize that most families are not primarily concerned with the *how* a curriculum came about, but with the *what* will my child gain from their daycare / preschool experience. Fortunately, the beauty of all the developmental research is that The Creative Curriculum gives schools the means to empower children for literacy and school readiness as well as the love of lifelong learning.

The Creative Curriculum is both teacher-directed and child-initiated in its learning practices; the individual child is emphasized. Children (and adults) of all ages learn best when they are allowed to follow their own learning style. The Creative Curriculum caters to the dynamic needs of the classroom community. Children learn through their own interests and strengths and through integrating as many senses as possible. This results in independent, self-confident and inquisitive learners.

Since children are allowed to learn at their own pace, The Creative Curriculum's activities are designed to accommodate different levels of learners. A child who has already mastered a skill might learn some new aspect from the teacher or might help a classmate still working on the skill to advance through parallel or cooperative play.

The Creative Curriculum also stresses positive relationships on multiple levels: teacher to child, teacher to family, child to classmates, and child to environment. These relationships influence all areas of learning and development: cognitive, language, motor skills and social-emotional and can carry a positive impact for years to come.

In the end, children who go through an environment with The Creative Curriculum leave with the skills they need for kindergarten. These skills are not just academic, but also include the vitally important social-emotional skills. The best part is the children have achieved this kindergarten-readiness through the delightful world of play and exploration.