

Programming:

Renmark West Preschool uses the mandated curriculum 'The Early Years Learning Framework: Belonging, Being & Becoming' to plan for children's learning and development. We have a strong focus on nature play, natural resources and loose part play that is woven through our curriculum planning. Children's voice is central to our learning program and as often as possible we follow the lead of the children in their quest for knowledge and acquisition of new skills.

Educators set up engaging and creative learning environments where children can be actively involved in new learning through play. These environments create positive challenges and encourage the exchange of ideas with their educators and friends, and develop a curiosity for learning.

Children learn to work in small groups to discuss, share ideas, co-operate, experiment and ask questions. They take part in activities such as singing, story-telling, painting, designing, building, water play and role-playing. They are also introduced to new ideas through symbols, books, numbers and talking with others. Through these activities they learn to express their ideas and feelings in different ways and develop positive attitudes towards learning.

In a happy, safe kindergarten environment children have additional opportunities to:

- Develop skills and acquire self-confidence and a sense of achievement
- Develop authentic and meaningful relationships with other children and adults, and be able to communicate with them
- Learn to accept rules and handle feelings
- Grow in independence and at the same time make a contribution to the group
- Be observant and questioning and able to organise knowledge
- Take progressive steps leading to reading, writing and numeracy skills
- Become motivated learners

Our Program planning is based on:

- Staff knowledge of child development
- Observations of children
- Children's own interest and needs
- Curriculum documents
- Parent input

Our program is recorded in a large scrapbook; it is a working document that reflects the learning program, children's interests and parent's voice. This is accessible for all parents and visitors to view, and is located near the curriculum board near the kitchen. We

encourage you to look through the program regularly and welcome your feedback and comments.