



## EARLY EXPLORERS PROGRAM

16 Months to 2 Years

### POTTY TRAINING

In the Early Explorers class toilet training is part of the curriculum. In the Toilet Training Program teachers introduce the toilet training process and encourage curiosity. Proven toilet training techniques are used to promote a positive and supportive environment for those students who are ready.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

Books are an integral part of developing motor skills; reading books daily, page turning, pointing to pictures, picture recognition, and sound imitation from pictures in books are just a few of the skills acquired by our young explorers. A large replica of the first letter in each student's name helps them recognize letters in addition to object identification using words. Sing-a-longs aid in memory development, and sign language introduces our students to a form of communication to help them relay their thoughts without being able to verbalize it yet. At this age group, our students start realizing routines which provide structure and security while at school.

### MATHEMATICS

Problem solving is emphasized by making wooden puzzle pieces fit together. The identification of shapes and sorting objects by shape and color are reinforced by using nesting cups.

### ENGINEERING

Developmental tools that work on skills such as stacking, building, and nesting support Engineering concepts.

### SCIENCE

Our Early Explorers class is introduced to hands-on experiments and sensory activities as they investigate the world around them. We focus on decision making; simple, short ideas that work with Early Explorer's shorter attention spans.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Our Early Explorer students are introduced to the essentials of local geography distinguishing between here and there. Students learn to appreciate other cultures through food, music, and dance. Meeting our first responders allow students to recognize the men and women who support us in our most critical moments.

### FINE ARTS

Interaction with musical instruments promotes physical activity as well as exposure to the different sounds made by the various instruments. Animal imitation is one form of theatrics enjoyed by our young students. Dressing up and playing pretend also encourages using the imagination. Crayon color selection and painting inspires our students' creativity.

### HEALTH & FITNESS

Students in the Early Explorers Program start to identify basic body parts by pointing to and beginning to verbalize them. The fitness program promotes the use of gross motor skills by practicing surefootedness, running, walking backwards, throwing balls, kicking, and playing tag.

### FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

Our Food and Nutrition Program supports our Health and Fitness Academics. The belief food and nutrition are the same is a misnomer; simply, nutrition is the study of nutrients in food and how it affects our body. With this understanding Baylake Academy has established a snack program that encompasses this philosophy. We provide our students with healthy snack options that will encourage healthy eating habits as well as a healthy mind.

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

<b>8:00 AM</b>	STUDENT ARRIVAL	<b>10:00 AM</b>	ENRICHMENT COURSE
<b>8:15 AM</b>	WELCOME & PLEDGES	<b>11:00 AM</b>	LUNCH
<b>8:30 AM</b>	LANGUAGE ARTS & MATH	<b>12:00 PM</b>	NAP/QUIET TIME
<b>9:00 AM</b>	RECESS	<b>2:00 PM</b>	LANGUAGE ARTS & MATH REINFORCEMENT
<b>9:30 AM</b>	SNACK	<b>3:00 PM</b>	STUDENT DISSMISSAL