Language and Literacy: Children are exposed to a wide variety of books within a print-rich environment. Components of a balanced literacy approach are integrated throughout the curriculum and into each activity center. Reading: Children are introduced to the alphabet and begin developing phonemic awareness by participating in a wide variety of language experiences including 'Letter of the Week' activities. Teachers plan activities in the Book Area and Listening Center to enhance the enjoyment of literature and to reinforce language and listening comprehension skills. Writing: Both the hand and mind are prepared for printing through sensory-based experiences using the ‘Handwriting Without Tears’ program. Developmentally appropriate activities are designed to increase the strength, endurance, and dexterity needed for printing. Children also have varied opportunities to write, draw, or dictate their ideas in journals or through experience stories. Math: A math-rich environment encourages children to experience real-life applications, manipulate concrete objects, and to develop concept knowledge in the areas of numbers and operations, problem solving, classification, comparison, patterns, geometry, measurement, time, and money. Technology: Opportunities are possible for children to access computer programs by themselves or to work collaboratively with a classmate. Teachers use the internet to supplement and enrich academic topics. Science: Children pursue exploration and discovery using tools that promote scientific thinking through inquiry, prediction, observation, and experimentation in the physical and natural sciences. Social Studies: The curriculum focuses on a child’s understanding of themselves, their community, and the larger world. Children learn about fairness, friendship, responsibility, and cooperation. A variety of classroom materials and experiences represent ethnicity, diversity, and culture. Creative Expression: Daily opportunities for personal creative expression in the arts include dance, dramatics, music, and fine arts.

Preschool / Pre-K Curriculum

The Creative Beginnings Preschool/Pre-K Curriculum is designed to support the overall development of our 3 to 5 year old children through a carefully planned, stimulating learning environment. A mixed-age group promotes social/emotional and intellectual development of the entire range of preschool-age children through naturally occurring interactions. The Preschool and Pre-K Curriculum is a dynamic approach rooted in emergent themes that are primarily hands-on, concrete, and child-directed. The curriculum is supplemented by specialists who offer music, art, science, literacy, and seasonal gymnastics experiences.

HighReach Learning is aligned with PA Early Learning Standards and built on three ideas which support our program philosophy: Children learn best with real things and real people, when they are exploring things that interest them, and when their potential for learning is supported by family involvement. The HighReach Learning curriculum is designed to enhance learning opportunities that are rich in language and hands-on discovery for young children.

Handwriting Without Tears Preschool / Pre-K program incorporates hands-on activities with a multi-sensory approach to teach the mechanics of letter formation. Preschool children focus on sensory activities that build readiness, strength, and endurance for writing, while Pre-K children use materials such as Roll-a-Dough or chalk, sponge, and slate to learn to form uppercase letters. Pre-K children also use paper and small pencils or crayons to practice strokes and letter formation learned during lessons.

Top 10 Reasons to Pick Creative Beginnings for Your Child’s Preschool / Pre-K Experience

1. High-quality care and comprehensive year-round education with extended hours 6:30 am – 6:00 pm (except the 6 major holidays)
2. Individualized attention and differentiated instruction
3. Daily schedule is developmentally appropriate and responsive to individual needs and interests
4. Parent partnership and collaboration between staff and family
5. Convenient to Fox Chase, Abington, NE Philadelphia, Jenkintown, Huntingdon Valley, and public transportation
6. Diverse environment and multicultural learning experiences
7. Emphasis on hands-on cooperative learning, discovery, and small group instruction
8. NAEYC-accredited and PA Keystone 4-STAR rated since 2002
9. Curriculum aligned with the PA Early Learning Standards
10. Teacher commitment, longevity, and experience