

## Four-year old Preschool @ Wee Pals

Four-year olds are energetic and imaginative. They are able to learn new words quickly, use them in chatting with you, telling you jokes and stories. Four year olds enjoy playing with others!

Below is a brief list of list of some of the skills you will see practiced in the four-year-old classroom over the school year.

### MATH READINESS

- Discussion of shapes, recognition of shapes in their environment
- Number recognition to 20
- Counting to 50 plus.
- Counting 10 objects or more
- Patterns
- Sequencing/sorting
- Measuring

### THE ARTS: Music, Art,

Singing and dancing, playing simple instruments, rhythm

Art projects

Painting: paint, kool-aid, coffee, watercolors

Drawing: Pencil, crayon, markers, chalks

Creating: Glue, glitter, fabrics, paper, feathers etc.

### SCIENCE/Social Studies

Science concepts (pouring, sifting, shaking, sorting)

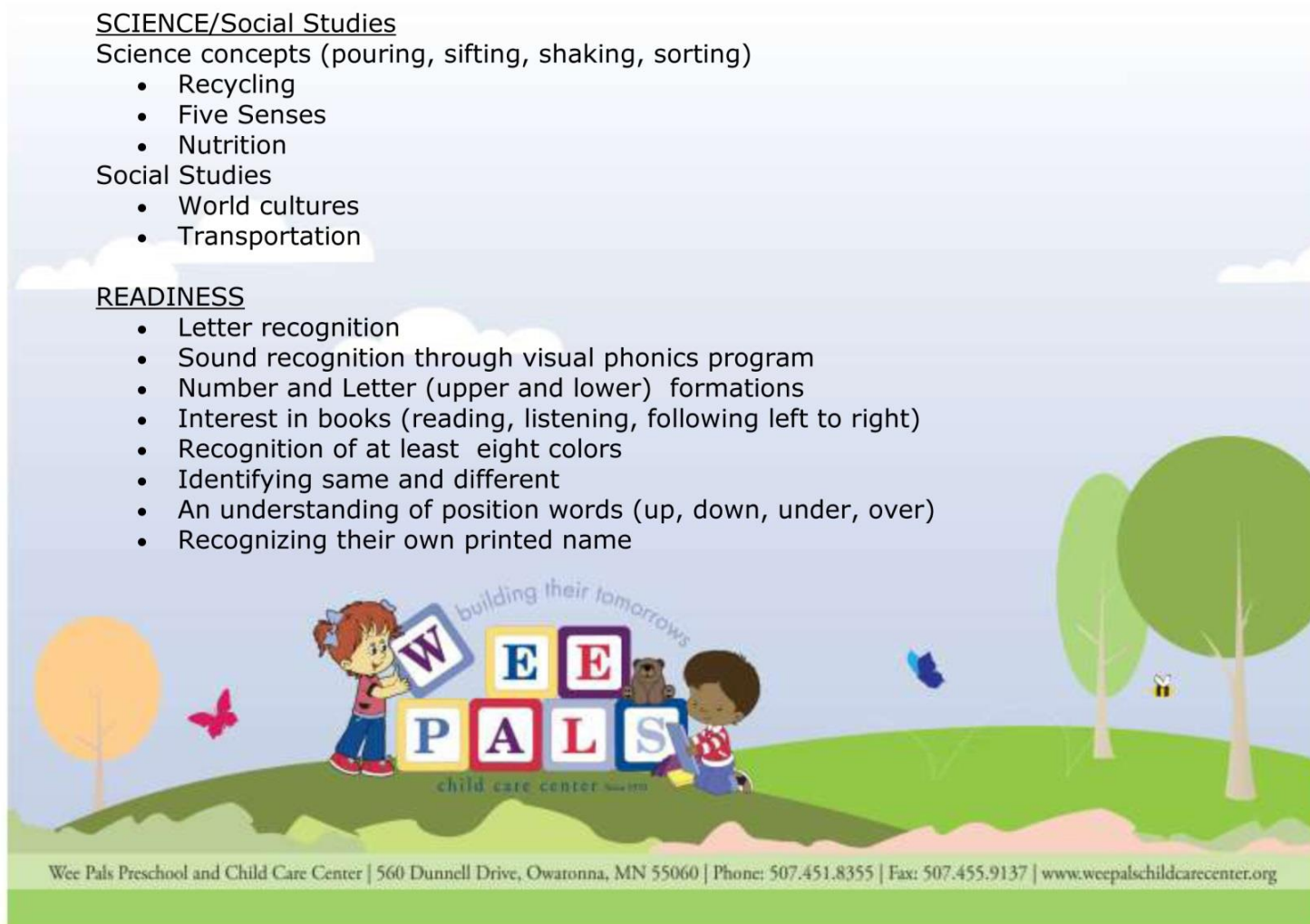
- Recycling
- Five Senses
- Nutrition

Social Studies

- World cultures
- Transportation

### READINESS

- Letter recognition
- Sound recognition through visual phonics program
- Number and Letter (upper and lower) formations
- Interest in books (reading, listening, following left to right)
- Recognition of at least eight colors
- Identifying same and different
- An understanding of position words (up, down, under, over)
- Recognizing their own printed name



### FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Properly holding crayons and pencils, using them on a variety of surfaces
- Properly holding and using scissors to cut paper
- Painting using brushes, fingers and other materials
- Pasting and gluing
- Assembling simple puzzles
- Manipulating play dough
- Manipulating zippers, buttons, and snaps
- Stringing beads

### GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

- Alternating feet when walking on stairs
- Galloping, jumping in place
- Balancing on left foot and right foot
- Hopping on one foot and two feet
- Throwing, catching and kicking a ball

### PRACTICAL/LIFE SKILLS

- Identifying main body parts
- Following simple oral directions
- Spelling first and last name
- Saying address and phone number
- Bathroom skills (hand washing after use, flushing, wiping self)
- Dressing self (coats, shoes, hats, changing clothes without assistance)
- Washing and drying hands alone

### SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Showing respect and concern for people and things
- Learning to make friends, talking and playing with them
- Accepting and responding to teacher's instructions or questions
- Playing and sharing cooperatively
- Taking turns (with encouragement)
- Expressing and showing a positive self-image
- Demonstrating appropriate self-control over feelings

### LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS

- Listening quietly to stories
- Raising hands
- Responding to stories through actions or words
- Speaking clearly