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Grow NJ Kids

PECEC 5 STAR Fabulous

GNJK is a quality rating system in the state of New Jersey. PECEC is the first school to achieve a five star rating!



High Scope Curriculum

- High Scope is a research based curriculum.
- The children are actively learning throughout the day. The children have direct hands on experiences with people, objects, ideas and events. We have a wide variety of materials that the children can choose to manipulate as they please.
- The classroom is divided into interest areas. We have the block area, art area, sand/water areas, book/writing area, table toy area, house area, music and movement area, science area, and computer area. We follow a consistent daily routine.
- Plan-Do-Review allows the children to pursue interest, make plans, follow through on them and reflect on their experiences.



Language and Literacy Component

- Read-a-loud Program
 - The new Read-a loud program is High Scope based and addresses comprehension, vocabulary, and prediction. It allows us to read to the children for a 10 minute period each day.



Math Component

Numbers Plus

The Numbers Plus Preschool Mathematics Curriculum is a comprehensive set of detailed plans for small- and large-group early childhood mathematics activities, with ideas for extending learning throughout the program day. What's special about Numbers Plus is that children's mathematical learning is sequenced within activities — each activity has a built-in progression so children of different developmental and ability levels can participate together and have a positive and meaningful learning experience. By actively engaging young children with materials and ideas, Numbers Plus builds on the latest knowledge from research and practice about early mathematics learning and how adults support it.

Activities in Numbers Plus are divided into five content areas:

- Number Sense and Operations
 - Geometry
 - Measurement
 - Algebra
 - Data Analysis





Learning Environment Classroom Areas

Toy Area

Music Area

House Area

Science/Nature Area

Block Area

Writing Area

Book Area

Art Area



Child Observation Record (COR)

- We use the child observation record to assess your child's overall development. We use observation and anecdotal records. We focus on children's strengths and support further learning.
- COR reports are broken down into the following categories:
 - 1. Approaches to Learning
 - 2. Social & Emotional Development
 - 3. Physical Development & Health
 - 4. Language, Literacy & Communication
 - 5. Mathematics
 - 6. Creative Arts
 - 7. Science & Technology
 - 8. Social Studies
- COR reports will be sent home in February and June.





School Hours & Attendance

- School hours are 9:10 3:40
- Children benefit from a consistent routine, so please be on time and have your child attend on a daily basis. It is district policy that after ten consecutive days of being absent, your child will be dropped from the roll.
- If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the main office at 609-893-8141 ext. 1500.



Daily Routine

9:10	Arrival Time
9:40	Greeting Time
9:50	Large Group Time
10:05	Small Group Time
10:20	Planning Time
10:30	Work Time
11:20	Clean Up Time
11:25	Recall Time
11:35	Lunch Time
1:10	Read Aloud Time
1:20	Rest Time
2:20	Snack Time
2:35	Work Time
3:20	Drop & Go Dismissal
3:40	Bus Dismissal





Folders

- Folder goes home everyday
- Please take a moment every evening to check your child's folder for important information, notes and your child's work
- Items in the *Right* side are being sent back to the teacher; the items on the *Left* side are papers going home to be looked through and kept.



Items to bring to school

- **Back pack labeled with child's name**. Back pack should NOT have wheels and be big enough to fit a full size school folder inside and your child's rest time items.
- **Crib sheet/small blanket** for rest time (all items will be sent home on Friday--please send items back on Monday)
- Change of clothes including socks, underwear, pants and shirt. All clothing should be labeled and placed in a zip lock bag with child's name on the bag
- Lunch or lunch money
- Healthy Snack

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS







LUNCH

- Please enclose any lunch money in an envelope or a ziploc bag with your child's name.
- Your child will have an account with the lunch room and you can pre-pay for lunches in any amount you wish (please send all money in an envelope or baggie with your child's name on it)—you will receive a receipt of all money sent in.
- If you are packing a lunch
 - Add an ice pack to keep lunch cool
 - We cannot heat any lunches



Snack

- Please send a small, healthy snack every day you may also send your child's snacks in bulk and we will keep them in their cubby.
- Milk and water is provided for all children for all meal times. Lactaid Milk is available for children with dietary restrictions.





Other Information

- Drop and Go Process
- WAP- Contact Karen Tennis ext. 1025 *This is a separate registration*
- Support Services- Master Teachers/PIRT/Social Worker/CPIS/CST
- Allergies/Medical Information—see school nurses
- Parental Involvement- Join PTO/Volunteer opportunities / Parent Workshops —see Michelle Walker
- Book Club on Fridays from October May
- Survey Strengthening parent involvement
- Special classroom needs
- Newsletters / e-mails / remind texting



Questions, Comments, Concerns





