



Introducing Zoo-phonics

This year, we are going to use a phonics, spelling, and writing program called Zoo-phonics. Your child will learn to read and spell through animal/letters and body movements called “signals”. We hope that you will take the time to have your child teach you the signals so that you and your child can work together. Hopefully, this will bring pleasure to both you and your child and will contribute to his or her success in school.

Zoo-phonics is an effective way to teach reading and spelling because it utilizes pictures of animals in the shapes of the lowercase letters. These animals not only teach the children to remember the shapes and sounds of the letters (and letter combinations), but it brings about an excitement to the learning process. Zoo-phonics uses a body movement with the letter’s sound instead of the traditional approach of “I see the word, I say the word, I memorize the word”, which is often difficult for children.

Here’s why: Ten percent of what we hear we remember. Thirty percent of what we hear and see we remember. Forty percent of what we hear, see, and say we remember. But of we hear the information, see it, say it and do it, we remember seventy to one hundred percent! That is why the body movement is so important---it is the doing part of learning. Research tells us that when the body moves, the brain remembers. For your information, and so that you may practice the body signals with your child, please see the attached sheet.

Remember, you are the main key to your child’s success in school. Fostering your child’s ability, confidence, and enthusiasm may determine whether or not he/she will someday enjoy good reading and writing skills.


If you have questions regarding the Zoo-phonics program, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher from 2:45pm-3:30pm at the following numbers:

516-715-5144 or by email at **Regine@lapetitekinder.com**

CURRICULUM HOW & WHAT WE TEACH

Every day is an adventure at preschool! From our engaging and bright classroom to our exciting hands-on activities, your child will develop a love for life-long learning!

Our educational philosophies are rooted in the following curriculum.

	<p style="text-align: center;">ZOO PHONICS CURRICULUM</p> <p>The Zoo-phonics Curriculum for Preschool is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that is fully kinesthetic and multi-sensory. It is a way of learning, enabling children to use their eyes, ears, mouth, and bodies to learn and develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills.</p>
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GOALS: We nurture and teach Intellectual and positive Values to Kids through Early Childhood Education

PHILOSOPHIES: We believe that children learn through movement and active exploration of their environment; therefore, we enrich their overall experience with practical life activities, in class work activities, field trips and environment perception through play.

MISSION: We aim to encourage children’s imagination, independence, self-confidence, help them become inquisitive and enthusiastic learners by actively exploring their environment.

DEVELOPMENT: We strive to build children’s social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and language skills through practical, real-world, hands-on activities.

APPROACH: Our Zoo-phonics method is developed to make children strong readers and spellers using a “phono” (hearing), “oral” (speaking), “visual” (seeing), “kinesthetic” (moving), and tactile (touching)—whole brain approach. Students actually learn the sounds of the alphabet and advanced phonemic concepts through an easily understood, concrete method of presentation.

ENVIRONMENT: We create an environment that invites children to observe, to be active, to make choices, and to experiment.