

## **Infant Curriculum**

Country Dawn provides help to your child on a number of skills throughout the year. We will do a lot of practicing when it comes to tummy time, rolling over, sitting up, pulling up and eventually walking. We like to get creative, so every month we will have a different project and an activity involving painting and coloring. Throughout the day we will read books and sing songs. As they start being more independent and moving around more on their own, during the spring and summer we have outside play, weather permitting. We play an array of nursery rhyme music as well as music from different cultures to incorporate diversity in the classroom. Once a month, a consulting nurse comes to our classroom to visit with us and answer any staff and/or parent questions. She also updates us on illness, child development, and other current information regarding your child's health. If there are any specific details or goals you would like us to work on with your child, please feel free to talk to us. Country Dawn partners with The Sno-Isle Library and monthly receives new hardback books for our classroom. CDC Assessments are provided to families each fall and spring. Teacher Parent Conferences start in the Preschool Classrooms, however a conference is provided to any of our families when requested.

## **Pre-Toddler – Pre-Preschool Curriculum**

Country Dawn provides a hands-on curriculum that includes; small group time, circle time, outside play, free choice play, theme based arts and crafts activities. Basic academic skills; recognizing shapes, colors, letters and numbers are incorporated throughout the day. Language and Social/Emotional development is practiced all day; expanding the children's vocabulary, their ability to communicate, play with peers, and follow the teacher's instruction. Country Dawn's curriculum follows the Early Learning Guidelines set by Washington State Department of Early Learning. ([www.del.wa.gov](http://www.del.wa.gov)) Country Dawn partners with The Sno-Isle Library and monthly receives new hardback books for our classrooms. Once a week our Older Toddler and Pre-Preschool classes have a Spanish lesson, where they are introduced to basic Spanish words and phrases; greetings, numbers, colors and theme based words for example. Country Dawn offers HappyFeet ([www.seattlehappyfeet.com](http://www.seattlehappyfeet.com)), a weekly extra-curricular soccer fitness program to our Older Toddler and Pre-Preschool classes. HappyFeet is a professionally developed child fitness soccer program based on 25 years of youth coaching experience. HappyFeet programs are great fun and age-appropriate. CDC Assessments are provided to families each fall and spring. Teacher Parent Conferences start in the Preschool Classrooms, however a conference is provided to any of our families when requested.

## Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

Country Dawn provides a hands-on curriculum that includes; small group activities, circle time, outside play, free choice play, theme based arts and crafts, science and baking activities. Basic academic skills; recognizing shapes, colors, letters and numbers are incorporated throughout the day. Language and Social/Emotional development is practiced all day; expanding the children's vocabulary, their ability to communicate, play with peers, and follow the teacher's instruction. Country Dawn's curriculum follows the Early Learning Guidelines set by Washington State Department of Early Learning. ([www.del.wa.gov](http://www.del.wa.gov))

Once a week our Preschool and Pre-K classes have a Spanish lesson, where they are introduced to basic Spanish words and phrases; greetings, numbers, colors and theme based words for example. Country Dawn offers HappyFeet([www.seattlehappyfeet.com](http://www.seattlehappyfeet.com)), a weekly extra-curricular soccer fitness program to our Preschool and Pre-K classes. HappyFeet is a professionally developed child fitness soccer program based on 25 years of youth coaching experience. HappyFeet programs are great fun and age-appropriate. Full-Day Pre-K classes use Second Step, social-emotional skill program for Early Learning. The Second Step early learning program has been carefully designed to help guide our children to learn, practice and apply skills for self-regulation and social-emotional competence. Full-Day Pre-K classes use activities from Phonemic Awareness: The Skills That They Need To Help Them Succeed! (Pre-K Version). This book has a 35 week curriculum of daily phonemic awareness lesson plans developed on a systematic scope and sequence of skills with explicit modeling. Country Dawn Preschool and Pre-K classes use Foundations in Literacy, with David Matteson. ([foundationsinliteracy.org](http://foundationsinliteracy.org)) This is the same literacy program used in the Lake Stevens School District Kindergarten Classrooms. Country Dawn Preschool and Pre-K classes use the ECHOS (Early Childhood Hands on Science) curriculum. It is a comprehensive hands-on, interactive early childhood science curriculum that is: research based, designed for small groups of preschool children, aligned with early childhood standards, scripted to facilitate guided inquiry and a foundation for critical thinking. Country Dawn partners with The Sno-Isle Library and we receive new hardback books for our classrooms monthly; in addition every other month the librarian is a circle time guest and she sings songs, performs with puppets, and has felt board and other activities. CDC Assessments are provided to families each fall and spring. We offer Preschool & Pre-K families conferences and progress reports each year in the fall and spring.

Country Dawn Preschool and Pre-K Classes participate in special events such as Open House, Curriculum Night, Pumpkin Carving Night, Christmas Program, Moms & Muffins, Dads & Donuts and Pre-K Graduation.