

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Inc.
Early Childhood Center
Tatela Curriculum

Our youngest children learn to become comfortable and feel safe in their new pre-school environment. Children are well cared for and nurtured.

Below is an outline of the key elements included in the curriculum designed to meet the following areas of development:

- I. Socialization
- II. Emotional
- III. Cognitive
- IV. Physical

I. SOCIALIZATION

- *Free play in learning centers
- *Learning to take turns
- *Informal circle time
- *Modeling of behavior
- *Learning the names and characteristics of familiar people and objects
- *Learning to anticipate activities and transition times
- *Art activities with two children and a teacher
- *Self-help – snacks, lunch, using a spoon, washing hands, drinking from cups, etc.
- *Creative expression
- *Developing appropriate conflict resolution skills

II. EMOTIONAL

- *Self awareness
- *Validation and naming of emotions
- *Smooth transition from one activity to the next
- *Positive reinforcement and praise

III. COGNITIVE

A. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- *Books, stories, rhymes, finger plays and flannel board stories
- *Responding to open ended questions using more than one word to answer
- *Singing
- *Exploration of colors, shapes, numbers

B. MATH

- *Counting to 5
- *ABC song

*Number concepts – big/little, more/less

*Exploration of shapes

C. SCIENCE

*Animals

*Seasons

*Weather

*Senses

*Body awareness

*Cooking

IV. PHYSICAL

A. GROSS MOTOR

*Climber

*Gym

*Creative Movement class

*Outdoor play

*Indoor playground

B. FINE MOTOR

*Arts & Crafts

*Cooking – mixing, stirring

*Manipulatives – blocks, puzzles

*Musical Instruments

Our units vary each year. Some of our favorites are:

1. Friendship Week
2. Favorite Authors
3. Colors
4. Animals
5. Noah's Ark
6. Shapes
7. Things that Go
8. All About Me!
9. Seasons
10. Holidays

It's very exciting to see our happy and curious children begin to care about each other and become involved in school.