

Creative Movement

Starting in the Early Learning Center, children have the opportunity to travel to separate Creative Movement classes throughout the week. They begin developing cooperation skills and spacial awareness as their gross motor skills develop.



Antilles Toddlers:

-Acquire locomotor skills

including rolling, crawling, running, jumping, skipping, and galloping

-Develop non-locomotor skills including clapping, balancing, rising, and bending

-Begin to develop hand-eye coordination with puzzles, lacing, and zipper activities

-Learn social, personal, and cooperation skills through dance, structured play activities, obstacle courses, and interactive games



Spanish

Spanish starts in the Toddler Program and continues through Grade 12. In the earliest years, children listen to the sounds of the Spanish language and start learning about customs and culture.

Antilles Toddlers:

-Are exposed to the Spanish language

-Recognize basic phrases, greetings, and counting words by using songs, repetition, and movement

-Are encouraged to use Spanish words and phrases

-Learn about culture and traditions through stories and music

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***The Toddler Program** provides a nurturing and stimulating environment for young children. The emphasis is on meeting the needs of the whole child and the family. Children are given the opportunity to expand their individual interests and gain a love for learning through purposeful play. The child's day is designed around flexible routines that are predictable and comforting. The schedule allows for free play, group activities, and outdoor experiences. Cooperation and caring within a group setting are important goals for all of the children. Each day the children are growing and learning through exploration, discovery, and choice.*



Mathematics

Children develop a love for learning and an understanding of basic math concepts through play, building, and exploration. They start in the Toddler Program by gaining an awareness of mathematical concepts and then count, compare, and investigate their way through Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Antilles Toddlers:

- Are introduced** to basic numeric concepts
- Develop** an understanding of quantities and amounts
- Sort and group** by shape, size, and color
- Experiment** with patterns and positions



Science

Children engage in developmental activities and experiments that expand their social, emotional, and cognitive skills. Science is taught through cross-curricular themes throughout the school year with a wide range of sensory explorations, discovery, and hands-on experiences.

Antilles Toddlers:

- Experiment** with play dough, rice, sand, bubbles, ice, and water
- Explore** the five senses, animals, environments, seasons, food groups, and nutrition
- Observe** nature during walks around campus
- Learn** while visiting and receiving visits from other classes



Social Studies

With an emphasis on community awareness and social and emotional skills, story time, and active discovery are part of the everyday learning. Language skills are developed during circle time and activities. The children also learn from guest speakers and campus field trips.

Character Traits:

respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship are emphasized school-wide throughout the year.

Antilles Toddlers:

- Begin to understand** concepts of sharing and taking turns
- Start to develop** confidence and independence
- Use imaginary play**, dress up, and block building to represent people and communities
- Participate** in themed sing-along assemblies in our outdoor amphitheater

Language Arts

Students start learning to communicate clearly in the Toddler Program and gradually develop reading and writing skills through the early grades. Development is fostered with a language-rich environment, which includes stories, play, songs, and conversations. Skills are taught through a theme-based, whole-language approach.

Antilles Toddlers:

- Communicate** wants and needs
- Make connections** and express ideas
- Learn new vocabulary** and comprehension strategies
- Develop** use of verbal and non-verbal cues

Spanish

Spanish starts in the Toddler Program and continues through Grade 12. In the earliest years, children listen to the sounds of the Spanish language and start learning about customs and culture.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Familiarize themselves** with the Spanish language
- Recognize** words, greetings, and phrases in the Spanish language
- Utilize** basic vocabulary: colors, animal names, family words and short phrases
- Learn** about culture and traditions through songs, dances, games, and stories

Art

In the Early Learning Center, students develop their creativity. Children are presented with a variety of media allowing them to express their ideas through original artwork. Students also gain a respect for traditions and diverse cultures through art.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Are introduced** to techniques such as drawing, painting, and printmaking
- Begin learning** the elements of art: line, shape, form, color, and texture
- Use various tools** and processes
- Are exposed** to different artistic styles and famous artists

Music

The arts are an intrinsic component of academics. The music department strives to promote excellence in music by creating meaningful experiences through performances and an appreciation of the art of music. Students' weekly classes include singing, movement, instrument playing, cooperation, and listening activities.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Reinforce** gross motor skills through movement and dance
- Improve** speech development through singing
- Play** instruments independently and in groups
- Learn** traditional and modern songs from all over the world



Creative Movement

Starting in the Early Learning Center, children travel to separate Creative Movement classes throughout the week. They begin learning cooperation skills and spatial awareness as their gross motor skills develop.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Practice locomotor skills** including rolling, crawling, running, jumping, skipping, and galloping
- Develop non-locomotor skills** including clapping, snapping, balancing, rising, and bending
- Demonstrate** hand-eye coordination
- Acquire** social, personal, and cooperation skills through dance, structured play, obstacle courses, and interactive games

Library

The first floor of our beautiful, 8,000 square foot library is designated for the Early Learning Center and Lower School children. While gaining a love of reading during their weekly library classes, our students become independent thinkers and lifelong learners.

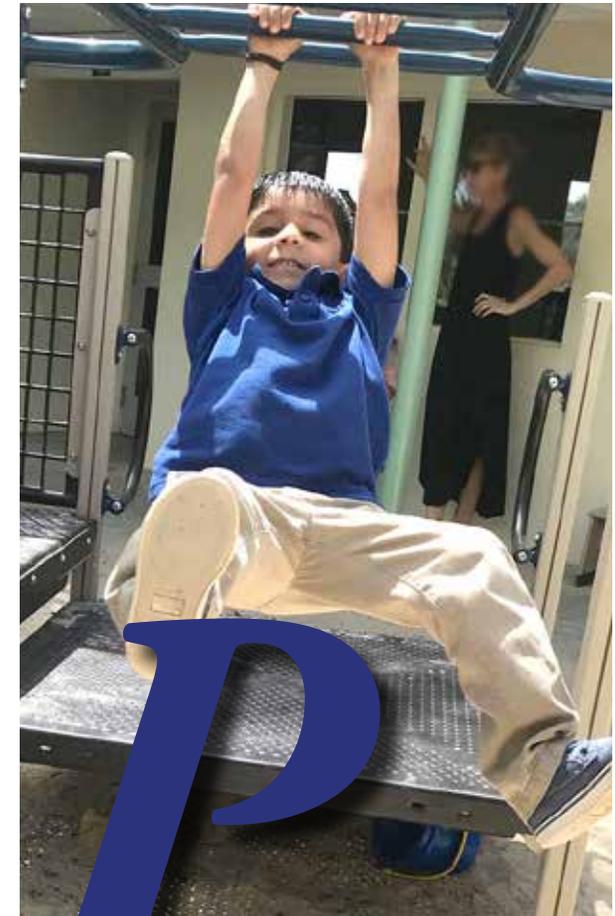
Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Learn** about proper book care
- Listen** to stories on topics such as holidays and specific authors
- Differentiate** between fantasy and real life books
- Choose** and take home books based on individual interests

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***Pre-Kindergarten** is a two-year program, when entering as a three-year-old. Four year olds may enter the program as second year Pre-Kindergarteners. Our program promotes learning and development in social, emotional, physical, linguistic, and cognitive areas. The emphasis is learning through play and discovery. The three-year-olds and four-year-olds are grouped together in a safe, nurturing environment. The first year of the Pre-Kindergarten program concentrates on developing social and emotional growth. During the second year, the children act as confident leaders. They are eager to model good choices and expand upon the skills and knowledge they previously learned.*



Science

Children engage in developmental activities and experiments that expand their social, emotional, and cognitive skills. Science is taught through cross-curricular themes throughout the school year with a wide range of sensory explorations, discovery, and hands-on experiences.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Learn** through play, crafts, music, and physical movement
- Conduct** science experiments and cooking activities
- Explore** the five senses, plants, habitats, sea creatures, dinosaurs, insects, health, hygiene, and safety
- Observe and ask** questions about nature during campus walks



Social Studies

With an emphasis on community awareness and social and emotional skills, reading, writing, and active discovery are part of the everyday learning. Speaking and listening skills are developed during daily interactions. The children also learn from guest speakers and campus field trips.

Character Traits: respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship are emphasized school-wide throughout the year with projects and presentations.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Explore** maps and globes
- Learn** about transportation, construction, families, and communities
- Celebrate** local and national holidays with projects, food, and parades
- Listen** to stories about important events and people in history
- Participate** in weekly sing-along assemblies in our outdoor amphitheater

Mathematics

Children develop a love for learning and understanding basic math concepts through play, building, and exploration. Starting in the Toddler Program, our students gain an awareness of mathematical concepts and then count, compare, and investigate their way through Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Identify** basic numbers and shapes
- Interpret** simple number stories
- Create** and complete simple patterns
- Experiment** with basic measuring tools
- Explore** solutions to real world problems



Language Arts

Students gradually develop reading and writing skills through the early grades. Development is fostered with a language-rich environment, which includes stories, puppets, songs, and conversations. Skills are taught through a theme-based, whole-language approach.

Antilles Pre-Kindergarteners:

- Are exposed** to the letters of the alphabet
- Become** adept at letter-sound relationships
- Read** stories through the use of illustration
- Retell** stories, make predictions, and ask questions
- Dictate** stories and write collaboratively

Spanish

Spanish starts in the Toddler Program and continues through Grade 12. In Kindergarten, children listen to the sounds of the Spanish language and appreciate the different aspects of the culture.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

- Verbalize** and utilize a greater amount of basic words and phrases in Spanish
- Begin to recognize** written language in Spanish
- Expand** basic vocabulary: numbers through 30, clothing, body parts, food, and places
- Continue** to learn about culture and traditions through songs, dances, games, and stories

Library

The first floor of our beautiful, 8,000 square foot library is designated for the Early Learning Center and Lower School children. While gaining a love of reading during their weekly library classes, the students are encouraged to become independent thinkers and lifelong learners.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

- Continue learning** about proper book care
- Listen** to stories on topics including ones that complement classroom units
- Differentiate** different versions of fairytales
- Choose and take home** books based on individual interests

Music

The arts are an intrinsic component of academics. The music department strives to promote excellence in music by creating meaningful experiences through performances and an appreciation of the art of music. Students' weekly classes include singing, moving, instrument playing, cooperating, and listening.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

- Practice** cooperation skills while participating in different musical activities
- Perform** a varied repertoire of music with singing and dancing
- Play** instruments independently and in groups
- Learn songs** from diverse cultures, genres and time-periods



Art

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Antilles Kindergarteners:

- Practice** techniques such as drawing, painting, collage making, and sculpting
- Learn** the elements of art, line, shape, form, color, and texture
- Use** various tools and processes
- Analyze** artistic styles and master artists

Creative Movement

Starting in the Early Learning Center, children have the opportunity to travel to separate Creative Movement classes throughout the week. They begin learning cooperation skills and spacial awareness as their gross motor skills develop.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

- Become proficient with** locomotor skills including rolling, crawling, running, jumping, skipping, and galloping
- Practice** non-locomotor skills including clapping, snapping, balancing, rising, and bending
- Demonstrate** hand-eye coordination
- Exhibit** social, personal, and cooperation skills through dances, structured play activities, obstacle courses, and interactive games

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The Kindergarten Program develops the child's natural curiosity and love of learning in an active, child centered atmosphere. Children learn in a variety of ways by interacting in a rich physical environment through group projects, individual exploration, and art and music activities. All academic concepts are taught in an integrated, theme-based fashion that supports the way that young children learn.



Science

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Antilles Kindergarteners:

-Learn through play, crafts, music, physical movement, and written work

-Conduct science experiments, cooking activities, and STEM activities

-Explore healthy foods, exercises, bones, skeletons, reptiles, coral reefs, plants, and magnets

-Present research projects to their classmates and their families

-Observe, question, and analyze nature during campus walks

Social Studies

With an emphasis on community and social skills, reading, writing and active discovery are part of the everyday learning. Speaking and listening skills are practiced during morning meetings, show and tell activities and weekly sing-along assemblies. The children also learn through guest speakers and field trips.

Character Traits: respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship are emphasized school-wide throughout the year with projects and presentations.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

-Explore maps, globes, picture graphs, and timelines

-Learn about rules, jobs, flags, symbols, and environmental citizenship

-Engage in dramatic play and contribute to discussions to reinforce social and emotional skills

-Listen to stories about diverse cultures, historical people and different places around the world

-Celebrate local and national holidays and traditions with creative projects



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Antilles Kindergarteners:

-Explore numbers through 30

-Investigate coins, addition, subtraction, patterns and shapes

-Describe length, weight, volume, size, and position

-Interpret and create graphs

Explore, count, sort and investigate real world math problems



Language Arts

Students gradually develop reading and writing skills throughout the early grades. Development is fostered with a language-rich environment, which includes stories, puppets, songs, and conversations. Skills are taught through a theme-based, whole-language approach.

Antilles Kindergarteners:

-Identify letters and sounds

-Express their thoughts and ideas through dictation, inventive spelling and illustrations

-Begin to read simple stories

-Learn to form written letters correctly and construct beginning sentences

-Retell stories, make predictions, and ask questions