Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Miraleste Early Learning Academy

Enrichment Program/Creative Play
MELA offers enrichment programs M-F from 12:30—3:00. The enrichment sessions are 30-45 minutes in length and begin at 12:30. After your child has participated in the enrichment activity, they will participate in free choice center time and story time in one of our classrooms. The children participating in enrichment will have outdoor play from 2:15-3:00p.m. daily.

The following are some of the enrichments offered:

- ART
- MUSIC
- GYMNASTICS
- SPORTS
- COOKING

*Fees for enrichment programs are a separate tuition. All interested children must sign-up. Students who are enrolled in the 11 hour program will be charged the vendors fee for each enrichment they would like to participate in.

School Administration
Shirley Resich, Preschool Administrator
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Preschool Program

**Afternoon Enrichment Program**
**Part & Full Day Program**

“Planting the Seeds for Learning”

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ABOUT THE MIRALESTE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

Vision

- **A safe, secure and stimulating environment**
  At Miraleste Early Learning Academy, we dedicate ourselves to the students in our care. We strive to provide a nurturing and emotionally secure environment to help children develop to their full potential. Emphasis will be placed on social, emotional, physical, creative, and cognitive development. It is our goal to teach each child in an orderly environment those skills that will enable them to grow and become capable learners.

- **An educated community in partnership to provide for a child’s first school experience**
  We believe that adults play an important role in the development of their children. Parents are a child’s first and most important teachers. Our staff is here to partner with parents in facilitating learning and to care for their children. Parent volunteers play a vital role in our program.

Organization of the Academy

MELA is licensed for 120 children between the ages of 2 and 5. Children in the preschool program need to bring a lunch daily. MELA adheres to the following ratios: 1 teacher to every 10 children. For our Toddler program there is 1 teacher to every 5 children.

MELA Hours

The Academy is open from 7am-6pm. Monday-Friday.

Days of Operation

The program’s school year is concurrent with the PVPUSD school calendar. We will offer a summer school program for July and August. This will require sign-up and payment in the spring proceeding our July/August summer school dates.

WE BUILD LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

Toddler Program

The Toddler program provides a nurturing environment with opportunities for Toddlers to make choices. Our classroom is designed to provide stimulating experiences where toddlers can learn through their own natural curiosity. Throughout the day the children will enjoy a large variety of play centers and music. There will be a story time and arts and crafts activities will be provided as well.

3 Year Old Instructional Program

Early childhood is a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring, and discovery. The 3 year old program strives to nurture and encourage these qualities in its students. The curriculum includes sharing and conversation time; stories, songs, and finger plays; creative art activities and crafts; games and gross motor activities; cooking activities, science and nature activities; exposure to shapes, colors, numbers, and letters.

4 Year Old Instructional Program

Four year old classrooms have a strong pre-academic curriculum that links to the districts pre-kindergarten and kindergarten standards. We cover letter recognition, writing skills, phonemic awareness, comprehension, number recognition, sorting, sequencing, science experiences, cooking experiences, self-help skills, and conflict resolution.

Classroom Organization & Design

Classrooms are organized by developmentally appropriate Centers including: Art, Writing, Math, Science, Dramatic Play, Reading, Science, and Blocks. All classrooms follow a weekly theme. Monthly calendars and weekly newsletters are provided to all families in our program.

Faculty

All MELA faculty will be fully state qualified and have a strong background in Early Childhood Education.