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| ABOUT THE LAB PRESCHOOLThe Little Barons Lab Preschool is designed for children aged 4 by Sept 1st -- who are **not** yet eligible for kindergarten. (A child 5-yrs-old by Sept 1st, must attend kindergarten.) The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for self-expression and creativity, plus foster confidence, positive self-esteem and appropriate social skills. These goals are attained through participation in organized activities selected on the basis of the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs/level of the preschoolers. The program is designed to support a child’s development of trust, autonomy, and initiative – away from the home setting – through supervised whole group and smaller center-based experiences.  THE FACILITIES: The facilities include a laboratory preschool room – equipped with adequate lighting and ventilation; operated following proper safety precautions. There is a separate planning and preparation area for the high school student teachers. Finger plays and singing, creative art activities, a block center, science opportunities with sand & water, and manipulatives to explore pre-math and literacy skills, are a sampling of the wide range of experiences available in our program. During the warmer months many activities are held outside in the courtyard. Additional facilities of the high school may be utilized, such as the media center, gym, science and music rooms, and athletic fields.  |  THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMThis is a language-based program. Each month is organized into weekly themes for coordinated curriculum development by the high school student teaching groups. High school students are responsible for planning a whole group “circle time” for reading storybooks with language arts enhancements through music, finger play and speaking experiences. This is followed by large movement activities. Smaller learning centers support the circle time storybook with choices of art, writing, math and science concepts, social studies, listening and dramatic play activities. All curriculum for the preschool class is planned and presented by the high school student teachers. These lesson plans are approved and reviewed in advance -- and conducted under the supervision of the program director (Child development teacher).  TRANSPORTATIONTransportation is arranged by the parents and many times car pools are organized. A list of names “authorized” to pick-up your child is kept on the sign-in clipboard. We ask that drivers be prompt and that they notify us in the event of an emergency that may delay them – or if there is an alternate plan for when or who will be picking up a child.  |  POLICIES & PROCEDURES Prior to beginning the program it is required that children be potty trained and have a recent health inventory and immunization record submitted. Children should dress in casual, washable clothes appropriate for play and weather conditions. Tennis shoes are preferred because of the safer, non-skid sole. A change of clothes (marked with your child’s name) will need to be kept at school in case of spills or other “wet/dirty” clothes accidents. Children are discouraged from bringing candy, gum, or personal toys from home into the preschool environment.  OPERATION The preschool opens in mid-October and runs through the middle of June. The normal MCPS holiday schedule is followed, plus a 2-week semester break beginning in mid-Jan. The program operates four days a week. TENTATIVELY the days are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the time is 7:45 -11:15.  ENROLLMENT Maximum preschool enrollment is 12 (gender-balanced and ethnically diverse). Tuition is $675.00/year. For further information call (240-740-0406) or email:Lori\_A\_Sherman@mcpsmd.org |