Self-Selected, Self-Directed Activities

To encourage children to use their natural curiosity, explain their knowledge, and refine their skills, the classrooms are arranged in centers of interest, with furniture, equipment, and material available to the children on their own terms. These centers suggest activities in:

◆ block building and other forms of construction
◆ fantasy translated into dramatic play
◆ book browsing, pictures
◆ creative experience through art media (clay, glue, scissors, paint, etc.)
◆ experiences with puzzles, matching activities, small muscle motor development, counting, visual discrimination
◆ opportunities that lead to learning about people, their occupations and their contributions to the community
◆ opportunities to write, explore the world of letters and words
◆ science centers for seeing, touching, and experimenting with our world

Outdoor experiences are a vital and integral part of the living-learning activities. Outdoor equipment permits a child freedom of movement, the challenge to explore, and the chance to be boisterous and joyfully active. Each Preschool group will have some time outdoors each day, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, activities for running, jumping, ball play, tumbling, and other gross motor skills are provided in the Fellowship Hall.