



Early Years Program Overview



Preschool

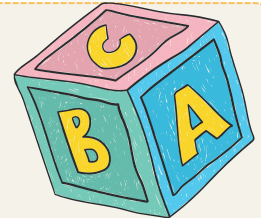
Our Early Years program is designed to foster individual learning and child development at every age and stage through active, hands-on discovery, exploration and play.

Aurora International School is an IB World School. We are authorized for the IB Primary Years Program (PYP). IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high – quality, challenging international education – that we believe is important for our students.

Our Early Years curriculum is based on internationally-accepted child development milestones and offers learning-through-play opportunities within the PYP framework. Our Preschool program focuses on inquiry, research, exploration, and discovery, where active and enthusiastic children can refine and expand their skills and knowledge. Students are also exposed to their mother tongue.

Language Development and Pre-Literacy

The activities in our curriculum at this stage build communication and pre-literacy skills. Preschoolers start to become familiar with letters, enhance their listening skills at story-time, and develop vocabulary and speaking skills. Children begin to sharpen their fine motor skills, and also formally start practicing their mother language through story-telling, conversations and hands-on activities.

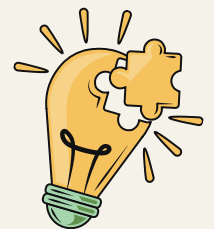


Pre-Numeracy

Our curriculum provides opportunities for students to attempt to solve simple problems that they see around them, as they begin to acquire thinking and mathematical skills. Activities include sorting, matching and pre-numeracy skills based on identification and mathematical reasoning. Students also start to investigate mathematical concepts through discovery activities and play.

Scientific Discovery

The innate inquisitiveness of preschoolers is nourished by guiding their attention towards exploring and discovering the world around them through the units of inquiry. Varied engaging activities are designed to enhance preschoolers' scientific skills. The scientific method of asking questions, investigating and drawing conclusions is introduced in simple terms at this stage which helps students to become better inquirers. Indoor and outdoor exploratory activities help students to learn about their world in a hands-on manner.



Social Awareness

Preschoolers' social awareness and personal skills are nurtured through active learning experiences. Preschoolers learn to be caring, they learn about themselves, their families and the world while enhancing key social skills such as sharing, responsibility and empathy. Preschoolers start to develop cognitive control through structured inquiry and guidance. We model social skills such as using "please" and "thank you," explore similarities and differences between children, and encourage them to be open-minded.

Creative Arts

Artistic expression and creative exploration are at the center of the structured activities, group work and free play opportunities provided to preschoolers. Students are given voice and choice, and ample space to be risk-takers and express their feelings and describe their experience of the world around them. Creative thinking and self-confidence are developed through exposure to music, dance, pretend play and arts and crafts.



Physical Development

Young children start to form attitudes and behaviors that will influence them throughout their lives. We focus on daily physical activities to build healthy, balanced habits. Preschoolers are given daily opportunities to foster their ability to make healthy decisions and develop a positive self-image. Structured activities and free play help to develop fine and gross motor skills. Students also start to develop self-management skills.