

**Preschool**  
*(3 year olds-Kindergarten)*  
**Philosophy and Curriculum**

Kehoe-France Northshore embraces the Reggio Emilia approach and is an authorized World School for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) for our preschool program, which includes PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten. Our philosophy is grounded in the belief that children are capable, curious, and eager to learn. We aim to provide an enriching environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning.

Our Reggio Emilia-inspired classrooms emphasize a child-centered, inquiry-based approach. We believe that children learn best through exploration and discovery, and our curriculum is designed to support these natural learning processes. Teachers act as facilitators, guiding students as they engage with materials, ask questions, and collaborate with peers.

**The Daily Curriculum**

*INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING*

Our IB PYP framework supports inquiry-based learning, where students are encouraged to ask questions, conduct investigations, and share their findings. In PreK3 and PreK4, children explore topics that interest them, with teachers facilitating their investigations. In Kindergarten, students engage in more structured inquiries, developing research skills and presenting their knowledge in various forms. This approach fosters a love of learning and prepares children for future academic success.

*ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS*

Our language arts program integrates reading, language, spelling, and writing, beginning with foundational skills in PreK3 and PreK4 and building upon them in Kindergarten. Early literacy skills include phonemic awareness, letter recognition, and vocabulary development. As they progress, children are introduced to more complex language structures, story comprehension, and basic writing skills. Activities such as storytelling, dramatic play, and interactive read-alouds are incorporated to make learning engaging and meaningful.

*MATHEMATICS*

Mathematics in our preschool program focuses on developing a strong number sense and understanding of basic mathematical concepts. In PreK3 and PreK4, children explore numbers, patterns, shapes, and measurements through hands-on activities and play. Kindergarten students build on this foundation, learning to count, compare quantities, and

recognize simple addition and subtraction. Problem-solving and critical thinking are encouraged through interactive games and real-world math applications.

### *SCIENCE*

Our science curriculum is designed to spark curiosity and a sense of wonder about the natural world. In PreK3 and PreK4, children explore basic scientific concepts through sensory experiences, nature walks, and simple experiments. They learn to observe, ask questions, and make predictions. In Kindergarten, students delve deeper into life cycles, weather, and physical properties. Hands-on activities and STEM projects allow children to investigate and understand scientific principles concretely and meaningfully.

### *SOCIAL STUDIES*

Social studies in our preschool program helps children understand their place in the world and their relationships with others. In PreK3 and PreK4, students learn about their families, communities, and cultural traditions. They explore concepts such as fairness, cooperation, and responsibility. Kindergarten students expand their understanding to include basic geography, history, and the roles of community helpers. Interactive activities, stories, and discussions help children develop a sense of identity and social awareness.

### *SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING*

Social-emotional learning is integrated throughout our preschool curriculum. Children are taught to recognize and manage their emotions, develop empathy for others, and build positive relationships. Group discussions, role-playing, and cooperative games help children practice communication, problem-solving, and conflict-resolution skills.

### *ART*

Art is central to our Reggio Emilia approach, allowing children to express themselves creatively and explore various materials and techniques. In PreK3 and PreK4, art activities include drawing, painting, sculpting, and collage. Children are encouraged to experiment and use their imagination. In Kindergarten, art projects become more structured, and students learn about famous artists and different art forms. Art is integrated into other areas of learning, allowing children to make connections and enhance their understanding of the world.

Preschool students are also exposed to music, PE, and Spanish multiple times weekly.