

Anthony's Bilingual Preschool goal is to emphasize equality, solidarity, emotional literacy, and exploration of the materials within our classrooms and surrounding community. It is our goal to build on a child's academic foundation with play-based learning, hands-on experimentation, group discussions and use of local resources.

Anthony's Bilingual Preschool provides individualized, child driven programming that allows our young children to learn and play at their own time! Our teachers' experiences and talents make our program unique. Our students' learning goes further and behind their limits. Within our bilingual program and enrichment classrooms full of engaging activities, our young students never stop learning.

3 months-18/24 months old Program (Family Themed)

In the first year, babies learn to focus their vision, reach out, explore, and learn about the things that are around them. Cognitive, or brain development means the learning process of memory, language, thinking, and reasoning. Learning language is more than making sounds ("babble"), or saying "ma-ma" and "da-da". Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye-bye" are called developmental milestones. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (like crawling, walking, or jumping).

18/24 months Old - 4 years old (The Fun Years)

Listening, understanding, and knowing the names of people and things are all part of language development and are also called Developmental milestones. During this stage, babies are also developing bonds of love and trust with their parents and others as part of social and emotional development. The way caregivers cuddle, hold, and play with babies would set the basis for how they will interact with them and others.

(Preschool-school age)

Developmental milestones observed

You may have noticed that children are pretty active at this age. Children can typically hop, skip, jump, and dance. Children could often talk in long sentences — and all the time! And children usually start understanding right and wrong and notice how other kids act.

(2 important) Physical milestones

Gross motor skills

- Walk on their tiptoes and heel-to-toe like on a balance beam
- Jump rope and pump their legs to swing alone
- Stand and hop on each foot
- Catch a ball the size of a softball
- Start to move in more coordinated ways, doing things like swimming, dribbling a basketball, or dancing

Fine motor skills

- Use one hand more than the other (this is sometimes called “hand dominance”)
- Hold a pencil using a tripod grip (two fingers and a thumb)
- Cut out basic shapes with scissors; may be able to cut a straight line
- Use a fork, spoon, and knife easily
- Be able to wipe and wash after using the bathroom
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Cognitive milestone

- Recognize and name colors and basic shapes
 - Know the letters of the alphabet and letter sounds
 - Recite their name, address, and phone number
 - Understand basic concepts about print (like knowing which way the pages go and that words are read left to right and top to bottom)
 - Know that stories have a beginning, middle, and end
 - Count groups of objects up to 10 and more also recite numbers
 - Stick with an activity for 15 minutes and finish a short project
 - Make plans about how to play, what to build, or what to draw
- To practice** actions, and emotions.

Language milestones

- Use words to argue and try to reason with people (*because* is a commonly used word)
- Use most plurals and pronouns
- Tell stories, jokes, and riddles, and may understand simple puns

- Talk about opposites and compare things (“That black cat is smaller than the white one.”)
- Talk about things that are going to happen and things that have already happened (using tense and time correctly)
- Follow simple multi-step directions

Social and emotional milestones

- Want to act like their friends and seek their approval
- Become jealous of other people spending time with “their” friends
- Follow the rules most of the time and may criticize kids who don’t follow the rules
- Enjoy showing off; they’ll sing, dance, or be silly to get attention
- Want your approval and to be taken seriously
- May have tantrums or get angry if they think they’re not being listened to
- Start to understand why it’s helpful to share and get along with other kids

Remember that all kids develop at their own pace!