

Shandon Weekday School

What is Creative Curriculum®?

Shandon Weekday School uses Creative Curriculum® for our preschoolers through 5-year-olds in our developmentally appropriate approaches to learning. The Creative Curriculum® is **a play-based learning curriculum that focuses on interest areas and fosters creativity in both children and teachers.** Being creative means thinking of new ideas, obtaining information by asking questions, and learning through trial and error.

The Creative Curriculum includes developmentally appropriate goals and objectives for children within four main categories of interest: **social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language.**

The Creative Curriculum® has five fundamental principles that guide our preschool program:

- Positive interactions and relationships with non-familial adults, which provide a critical foundation for successful learning
- Social-emotional competence, which is a significant predictor of school success
- Constructive, purposeful play, which supports children's need to learn through manipulation of concrete materials that interest them
- The physical environment, which affects the type and quality of learning experiences
- Teacher/family partnerships, which promote a cooperative effort for children's development and learning

These fundamental principles ensure a comprehensive curriculum with a clear organizational structure and concentration on regular, predictable routines in the classroom. Developmentally appropriate challenges foster happy, positive learning experiences while setting children up for success in their school careers.

Our teachers complete lesson plans that align with and support SC Early Learning Standards. Our lesson plans are a teaching tool our teachers use to take advantage of a child's natural curiosity, stimulate a desire to learn, and promote creative problem solving.