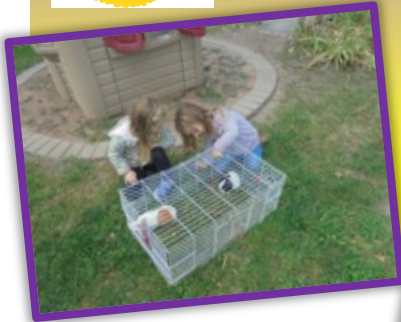




# Preschool News



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## Learning Through Play!

As preschoolers, we learn best through playing and engaging in real-life and hands-on experiences. Play is our work in Preschool! It is important to give young children as many opportunities as possible for free play and imaginative thinking. Listening in on the children's conversations with each other throughout the day can show us how creative they are, as they interact and problem solve. We have set up various play areas which are designed to foster important communication and thinking skills, both inside the classroom and outdoors on the playground. We allow the children to make their own free play choices. Ask your child what his or her favorite center is, and why!

*Ms. Kelly, Ms. Shirley, & Ms. Sherri*



**Digging in the sandbox.**



**Creating with the weaving frame.**

# Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards



Crawling through a log.

**Physical Development & Health:**

Demonstrate body awareness when moving in different spaces.

Building a praying mantis habitat.

**Science:** Describe and compare basic needs of living things.



Observing insects.

**Science:** Show respect for living things.



Making up our own games.

**Social/Emotional Development:**  
Engage in cooperative group play.

