

# Concepts and Curriculum

## **Academic Curriculum**

The Pro-Kids Academic Curriculum has been designed and developed within a framework of seven disciplines. These represent curriculum areas for age six weeks until entering kindergarten. The curriculum represents the standards for what students should know and be able to do throughout their preschool years in order to properly prepare them for kindergarten. The curriculum framework establishes benchmarks for achieving preschool goals. Progress notes, developmental screenings, and parent conferences help assess and document each child's developmental progress per discipline. The academic curriculum encompasses:

1. Speech, Language, and Foreign Language
2. Early Literacy
3. Math, Science, and Technology
4. Social Studies
5. Creative Arts
6. Social and Emotional Development
7. Physical and Health Education

## **Character Curriculum**

Pro-Kids developed a curriculum to teach six character virtues. These represent character values that allow the child to successfully relate to self, others, and the environment. The curriculum framework establishes benchmarks for determining evidence of the child successfully understanding acceptable responses to self, others, and the environment.

### **Character Virtues**

- **Caring**  
Being kind to myself, others, and the environment; Helping others in need, practicing empathy; Being forgiving
- **Honesty**  
No cheating, lying, or stealing; Telling the truth; Being trustworthy
- **Integrity**  
Being reliable; doing what I say I will do; Having the courage to do the right thing; Not giving in to peer pressure
- **Respect**  
Using good manners, not bad language; Honoring the feelings of others; being a good listener; Being fair; good citizenship
- **Responsibility**  
Being accountable for my choices; Doing my best; Accepting attendance, punctuality as a responsible choice
- **Self-Discipline**  
Practicing self-control and impulse control; Dealing peacefully with insults and disagreements; Solving my problems