

Two-Day Threes are Busy Bees!

Activity is buzzing in Mrs. Moore's and Mrs. Alkins's Tuesday / Thursday class! These three-year-olds are off to a great start, thanks to the kind,

Robin
assistant
Leslie
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experienced guidance of lead teacher Moore and the fresh energy of teaching and former Parents Council president Alkins. Being three can be a challenging learning expands and takes on new the three-year-old learns increasingly

complex concrete facts, such as apples growing from seeds, while developing skills with abstract concepts we adults often take for granted, such as the calendar. Three-year-olds bridge the novelty and wonderment of two-year-olds with the confident, kindergarten-oriented four-year-olds.

And this classroom is the perfect

transformation! Bright, cozy
engage each child's every sense.

hooks offer a sense of belonging and well as an opportunity for practicing tion. Predictable routines provide a structure in which the children feel

discover, play, interact, read, sing, and learn, from the first hand-washing upon arrival, to blessing the snack, to the "clean-up" bell. Activities integrate class lessons in fun, multi-sensory ways, whether using real apples to demonstrate color and size comparisons or lacing Apple Jack necklaces.

Thursday's fitness class with Mrs. Baker brings its own routine and entertainment, find-

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ing that special black square and movement in a variety of ways. And to day special, each three-year-old gets a as "King Bee" or "Queen Bee" for the helpful jobs throughout the day.

building with blocks, decking out in a dress up show, looking at books, or running cars and trucks, these threes are very busy bees... perhaps almost as busy as their fantastic teachers!



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3 Day Thre- es

Mrs. Shackett and Mrs. Turkington's Class

With 4 sweet girls and 8 little boys,
This room is stocked with lots of toys.
Mrs. Shackett and Mrs. Turkington start each day
With a crowd that fills their purple doorway.

The children love to watch for their friends
They're already hoping the preschool day won't end.
An announcement is made about who's the King Bee
Or a Queen Bee if the job falls to a little lady.

They check the mailbox to find the day's surprise.
Often it's been a bumblebee with beaded black eyes.
He helped them learn the names of all their
friends at school.

With teachers this much fun, no one ever breaks the rules!

The teachers keep them busy with stories, art and cooking.
When the fire truck came, they all went out looking.
One day held a special visit from Caroline and Kate.
They are John's big sisters, so that was a special date.

The kids have tasted apples, muffins and even "bumblebees."
This year is off to a wonderful start for this
group of 3 Day 3s!

By Jennifer Thompson

