

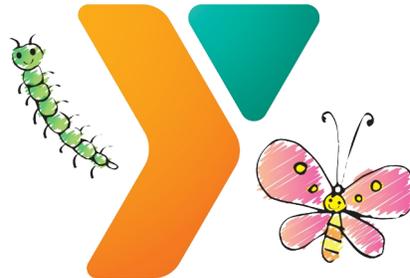
Safe, enriching space
for ages 2.5-5.

Play-based learning .

Social, physical, and
intellectual curriculum.

Holistic development.

Santa Maria Valley YMCA
Young Children's



Preschool

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Young Children's Preschool (YCP) is a licensed preschool, part of the Santa Maria Valley YMCA. We offer Financial Scholarships to families that qualify. Our center is open year round and is proud to be Outdoor Classroom Certified.

We have 4 current staff and are hiring two to fill our team. Our license is for 44 children, but have yet to go to full capacity. We serve ages 2.5-5 years and have two classrooms; Caterpillars and Butterflies.

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SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

POSITIVE PRAISE AND SUPPORT

Teachers offer support, understanding, patience and communication with the children and their families. We work hard to develop strong relationships with everyone in our center.

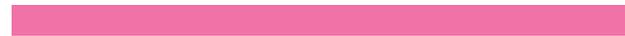


We offer intentional small group activities. Our friends who have big emotions often feel support from sensory based activities such as kinetic sand and playdough.

Teachers help model behavior with one another and with students.



We are proud to partner with CALM each year and work closely with a therapist who meets with our teachers each week and conducts observations to help support our staff and children. Resources are available to families and support is provided.



WAYS WE SUPPORT SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

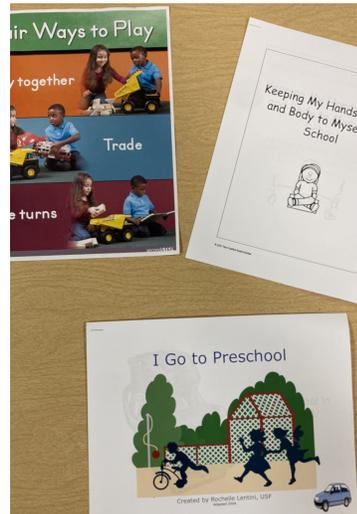


OUR FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE OBJECTS PROVIDED FOR THEIR BIG EMOTIONS! HERE WE SEE TIRES USED FOR PUSHING INSTEAD OF PUSHING FRIENDS.

WE HAVE WEIGHTED BLANKETS IDEAL FOR NAP TIME, TUCKER THE TURTLE AND OUR EMOTIONS CHART TO SUPPORT EMOTIONS.



SOCIAL STORIES ARE MADE FOR CHILDREN IN OUR CENTER WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH DROP OFF, SHARING, TAKING TURNS, NAP, ETC. WE MAKE INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL STORIES WITH REAL IMAGES OF EACH CHILD FOR SCHOOL AND HOME.



WE APPLY THE **TEACHING PYRAMID** AND USING "PDA" POSITIVE DESCRIPTIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT. "YOU ARE USING YOUR WALKING FEET IN THE CLASSROOM" "YOU ARE BEING SAFE".

Teaching Pyramid



SCAN FOR SUCCESS
BUILD TRUST
BUILD LANGUAGE
INCREASE POSITIVE BEHAVIORS INSTEAD OF JUST GIVING DIRECTIONS.
PDA PLUS WORKS!

