



The Gingham Giraffe Preschool & Kindergarten

★ Junior Kindergarten

Turning Five, But Not Ready for K

4 or 5 Full Days

Mon-Thurs or Mon-Fri 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Gingham's *Junior Kindergarten*, also called "*The Gift of Time*" allows one more year of development before beginning the formal education that will take place in Kindergarten and beyond. This class focuses on Kindergarten readiness through a more formal approach to class structure, a focus on developing confidence, independence, organization and responsibility. Social maturity is another important result of this class as public speaking and performances are included during the year.

Academic skill building is prioritized with children mastering names, uppercase and lowercase letter formation, beginning phonetics and rhyming. Literature, science, mathematics and art are cornerstones of the day as well, with lots of opportunities for "hands on" experiences.

Children enjoy both indoor and outdoor play, with large and small group activities. Individuality, **self expression and creativity** are emphasized through activities like Show & Tell and our Spring Talent Show, with students emerging confident in their abilities both **academically** and **emotionally**. Parents are invited to join the fun for holidays and special events. Half Day and Full Day options.

A Typical Day



Self-Directed Play



Library Time



Morning Meeting



Snack



Focused Learning



Music & Movement



Sensory Experiences



Outdoor Play