



Curro Castle Aurora

It's all about the Children

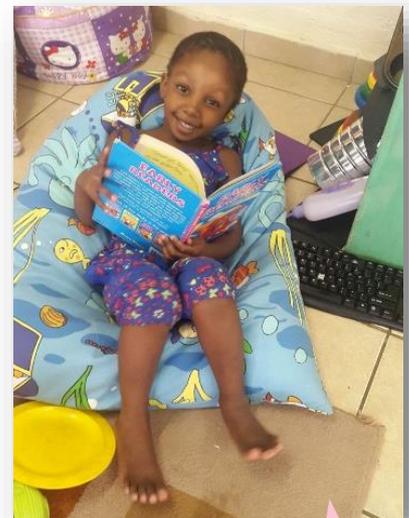
Welcome to the website of Curro Castle Aurora, one of the happiest, friendliest places in Gauteng for families with children from two and half years to five years old. At Curro Castle Aurora we strive to make every day a learning day, filled with new and wonderful experiences to help young children find what interests and inspires them. Families like you are looking for a preschool for your young child to feel connected, safe, stimulated and celebrated.



Choosing the right preschool is important for two reasons. It lays the foundation for your child's future social and academic life. It may also be the first time your child is stepping out from a protected and secure environment, to be on his/her own for some time. Curro Castle Aurora is that special place that so many children and their parents have come to know and love. It is a place where the play is valued, voices are singing, children are engaged in creative movement and music making, artistic expression is celebrated, and the academic programme is stimulating and fun. We invite you and your child to come and experience Curro Castle Aurora.

The Castle strives to optimise learning in young brains and capitalise on the potential children have for learning from a young age. Special attention is therefore paid to the theories of teaching and learning and the science behind how one develops, to ensure that children receive the best education possible.

Both playing and support promote optimal early childhood development. An understanding of a child's multiple intelligences is important to ensure that the correct and appropriate teaching takes place. Even very young children can be guided to develop 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, motivation and metacognition.



Children extend their boundaries of understanding by working to find solutions in an environment where dialogue between educators and children keep them motivated, stimulating their creativity while developing their cognitive abilities. The Curro nursery school curriculum includes Lego Education learning concepts and the activities built around Lego Soft Bricks form the important early foundations for later Robotics studies.

The curriculum is designed according to the guidelines for school readiness and these developmental goals, and desired results are incorporated into the learning programmes from two



Years to five years old. The curriculum is shaped around six learning areas which stem from the eight multi-intelligences of Howard Gardner.

The Group three programme is designed to allow 2-year-olds to learn through play while encouraging (and noticing) individual interests. By promoting independence and developing an emerging awareness of social behaviour, we help the young child expand their world beyond the home to the school community. Practitioner's support growing independence by providing opportunities for classroom jobs: putting things away, pouring milk, washing hands, and choosing materials and activities during the indoor time. Many opportunities are provided to increase a child's ability to communicate by developing active listening and expressive language skills.

Throughout the day, the group three children make self-directed but carefully guided choices, participate in small groups, take part in circle time, and build the confidence needed to try new things. Our children enjoy free play to allow creativity and imagination to flourish. Practitioners facilitate opportunities for children to engage in reading, writing, listening, and speaking using poems, finger plays, puppets, singing, and rhyming.

The development of language, math and science are emphasised through whole-group work incorporating 'Soft Blocks' and encouraged during both outdoor and indoor time. As the children show an interest in different subjects, practitioners partner with parents to help accomplish important milestones with pride. A consistent approach and an encouraging environment are the keys to politely outspoken and well-toned children. Group four - Three -year-olds are full of wonder. This is an exciting time for these young children, who are changing physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally. The focus of the preschool programme is to give children the opportunity to learn through play in a loving, caring environment. Days are filled with busy explorations, investigations, and discoveries. Children express themselves through art, music and movement. They practise math and number concepts using age-appropriate materials to organise, sort, count, build and sequence. They explore the world of science through weather, cooking and seasonal activities. They develop motor skills and coordination while running, jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing, and catching in the gym. They demonstrate an emerging love of reading and writing, using growing literacy skills during story time and interactive online stories.



The Group four, 3 to 4 – year-olds children use language to share, communicate and interact with friends. They enjoy books, stories, games, projects and songs based on curricular themes that are introduced in a whole-group setting and then extended to small-group work. Our children begin to develop a rich vocabulary and use language on a daily basis through informal conversations with their practitioners and friends. They discover a new way to express themselves both in words and ideas. This allows their social world to expand even further. Days are filled with making meaning of every learning opportunity encountered at school.



The 4 to 5-year-olds, Group five, curriculum, is designed to encourage the young child to be imaginative, energetic, inquiry-based learners who explore the classroom environment with curiosity and purpose. Preschool children are eager to learn, and school activities are designed to involve and engage the children with interesting lessons and materials which include 'Soft Blocks'. Experienced and qualified practitioners plan math, literacy, science, social studies, art, music and movement to thoroughly prepare children for a smooth transition to Grade R. Children are invited to make independent choices in a child-friendly learning environment, following well-established structures and routines to guide them. Opportunities for hands-on learning are presented daily, allowing the young child to grow through play and real-world experiences. Daily activities are scheduled in the whole group and small groups to promote socialisation and community building.



Children engage in conversations with practitioners and friends daily, learning to take turns, listen, and share.

School times: 07:45 – 13:00.

Aftercare: 13:00 to 17:30.

Snack time is at 09:00 consisting of sandwiches, fruit, juice/tea or hot chocolate.

A cooked two-course lunch is served at 12:15.

Reports are handed out at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.

Each class a qualified practitioner and an assistant.

22 children per class.

Aftercare continues during the school holidays up until 16th December.

Extra Murals Offered at Curro Castle Aurora

(These activities take place on the Castle property)

Karate, CatrobatzKidz, Ballet, Kidi Sportz, Little Green Fingers, Pottery, Soccer Stars, Modern Dancing, Music Box, Abacus Maths, Buzzi Bodies, Nett Girlies (netball), Creative Characters (Drama), Rugga Kids, EQ Explore, Little Magic Fingers (computers), Golf and Little Lab Coats.

Swimming lessons take place once a week during the school morning and forms part of the curriculum, therefore are incorporated in to your school fees.



Visit us. Allow us to impress you with our amazing facilities. Enrolling at Curro Castle Aurora will be the BEST investment you'll EVER make!

Yours in education

Janet Beyrooti

Headmistress

