

What to Expect

When you come into a Goethe preschool classroom you should expect to see:

- A variety of learning materials including books, toys, games, manipulatives, art and writing supplies
- Children freely moving from area to area with frequent shifts of activity
- A balance of quiet and stimulating activities during the day
- Children participating in individual, small group and whole group learning experiences
- Some children actively engaged, others as onlookers
- Children involved in numerous hands-on activities involving all five senses
- Some messy activities
- The same materials or concepts presented more than once in a variety of ways
- Children talking together, sometimes all at once, sometimes interrupting
- Some children expressing their emotions
- A predictable environment in which routines and expectations are clearly defined
- Adults using frequent praise to promote desired behaviors in children
- Children being encouraged to do as much for themselves as possible with assistance given as needed
- Staff moving about the room among groups and individuals
- Children's work displayed and appreciated