



Petunia Classroom



Learning Together's Petunia classroom is filled with up to 18 children who are eager and ready to learn and explore the world around them. This inclusive class has children both with and without delays working side by side, to teach and learn from each other every day.

The Petunia classroom serves children ages 2 to 4 during a pivotal point in their social, emotional, and neurological development. Our Petunias are unique in that a large majority of the students entering into the Petunia classroom are entering school for the first time. Children in this classroom have never been exposed to a structured learning environment or school setting, therefore present unique teaching challenges. The beginning steps upon entering the Petunia classroom is to build relationships and creating supportive learning communities.

Learning Centers throughout the classroom promote development of the whole child, including literacy, mathematics, early learning, language, physical and social/emotional development. Learning Together places an emphasis on the importance of play as an instructional strategy that promotes learning in early childhood.

For children with Developmental Delays, support services include Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. These services are provided either directly or through teacher support, where therapists consult with our teachers giving them the tools needed to help implement goals within the classroom setting and beyond, as our teachers are also trained to work with families, offering resources and guidance needed through the early years. Because the Petunia classroom is not only the first entry into Preschool Services, it is also the entry point for parents with children with Developmental Delays into the Wake County Public School System.

For these children, each day brings the opportunity for new achievements and helps prepare them for success. Children with Developmental Delays have an individualized plan, designed to give them the support needed to achieve their highest potential. Data is collected weekly to track progress towards all areas of development including literacy, mathematics, early learning, language, physical and social/emotional development.

"The Petunia class is full of children learning about the world, themselves, and their peers. This year, I am most proud of how they have learned to share and get along with their peers. They are full of energy and enthusiasm. It's amazing to see their love for their friends and how they enjoy the little things in life."

-Ms. Ashleigh, Petunia teacher

Ways to Get Involved with Learning Together!

Classroom Buddies

Volunteer regularly with a Learning Together class (weekly or monthly)
Our kids love visitors!



Join the Board or a Committee

To advance the mission of Learning Together



Seasonal Activities

Spring

nature walk, starting seeds

Summer

field day, graduation

Fall

community play night, decorating pumpkins

Winter

indoor snow, Holiday Hopes



Help a Teacher

Assist with all the behind the scenes work a teacher does to get their classroom ready for kids to learn

Campus Beautification

Clean up cafeteria

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Indoor/outdoor painting

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Weed & plant the gardens

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Rake the playgrounds

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Move an office or

Organize a classroom



Sensory Activities

Create a portable aquarium

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Build a Sensory table

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Construct a foaming volcano



Your involvement at Learning Together will leave you with a heartwarming, life-changing experience and the sense of knowing that you have been a part of something very special by making a difference in the lives of children of all abilities!



To find out more about these opportunities, please contact Colleen McDevitt at colleen@learningtogether.org or 919-856-7453

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