

Early Childhood Bilingual Program at Bambujaya

Learning social and practical skills through cooperation, imitation, play and daily routine

During the early years, children carefully watch and imitate, so it is the perfect time to teach good habits and values that will last a lifetime. They are interested in what adults are doing and want to have purposeful work themselves, but they also need plenty of time to safely explore the world and develop a rich imagination. Later, they can combine their curiosity and compassion to understand the world better and offer solutions to problems.

By beginning with a strong understanding of how to educate the hands, heart and head, we at Bambujaya give our learners enough time to develop skills, feelings and knowledge in age appropriate ways. In our Early Childhood Program, we encourage wonder and joy for the goodness of life through the warmth and beauty of the classrooms, toys, art and natural setting.

Through play, purposeful tasks and cooperation, children learn a variety of language, math, social and practical skills. Our welcoming and caring environment, along with daily and weekly routines includes baking, cooking, painting, handwork crafts, games, outdoor play and housekeeping chores. All of this promotes the healthy growth of the child's body and mind.

During the first years of our Early Childhood Program, learners should be able to:

Language skills

- Respond to their name and group instructions
- Listen to and follow a direct instruction in both languages
- Listen when others are speaking
- Repeat commonly used words in English and Khmer
- Follow poems and songs using the hand gestures and movements
- Ask for help when needed and communicate basic needs

Numbers and Reasoning

- Observes the use of numbers for counting in daily activities (0-10)
- Recognise that different objects belong in different places
- Recognise/Apply the appropriate sequence to known tasks such as in snack preparation or washing hands

Social/ Emotional skills

- Be able to separate calmly from family at drop off time
- Play independently of adults
- Observe and imitate good manners, daily habits and begin to develop appropriate emotional responses
- Start to develop patience when waiting for activities to begin or when taking turns

Practical Life/Physical skills

- Practise good hygiene with assistance
- Complete simple daily chores and food preparation with assistance
- Develop fine motor skills through food preparation and finger play songs/poems

- Develop gross motor skills through outdoor play, e.g. climbing, running, digging and swinging
- Respond to the rhythm of the day, including transitioning between activities and meal times.
- Learn how to regulate their individual needs

At the completion of our Early Childhood Program, and before entering Grade 1, learners should be able to:

Language skills

- Listen to and follow simple 2 step instructions in English and Khmer
- Listen to others and wait for their turn to speak
- Learn and practise vocabulary through daily activity in English and Khmer
- Imitate proper pronunciation of common English and Khmer words
- Form appropriate sentence structures
- Recite poems and sing songs independently
- Communicate ideas, retell stories and act out role plays with toys

Numbers and Reasoning

- Count to carry out practical activities in English and Khmer (0-20)
- Understand the concept of numbers and their importance in daily life
- Sort various objects
- Sequence and plan steps for simple tasks to be completed independently.

Social/Emotional skills

- Show respect, empathy and care for others
- Show independence in daily habits
- Cooperate with others to achieve tasks
- Show gratitude for, and take care of, the classroom environment
- Understand and use good manners
- Practise self-control and regulate individual needs
- Show self-confidence and competence in simple tasks

Practical Life/Physical skills

- Practise good hygiene independently
- Help with food preparation including kneading dough and chopping vegetables
- Assist with daily chores including washing dishes, wiping the table, sweeping the floor and putting away toys.
- Develop fine motor skills through handwork, painting and beeswax modelling (hand eye coordination)
- Develop gross motor skills through organised movement activities and outdoor play (coordination and balance).
- Follow the routine of the day, including setup and cleanup.