

# Zoo Preschool At-Home Curriculum Component

Each week, you will receive individualized curriculum tailored to your child's physical, social and cognitive development, as well as their interests. This content will remain true to our values of hands-on, nature-based, child-directed learning. Your child's curriculum will be planned based on the Missouri Early Learning Standards and will accommodate all areas of child development, namely: Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Math, Science, Physical Development, and Personal Development.

## The At-Home Curriculum Component...

### is...

- Created with your child's needs and interests in mind
- Hands-on, engaging
- Based on an understanding of appropriate child development
- Designed to encourage time in nature
- Open-ended and promoting curiosity and discovery through scaffolded inquiry
- Meaningful and intentional
- Designed for caregivers to provide only a supporting role, when it is convenient throughout the week
- Supported by educators so caregivers have all the tools they need to feel successful
- Based on the pace set by the learner

### is not...

- Pre-packaged, one-size-fits-all content
- Worksheets or packets
- Pushed-down academics that children are not yet developmentally ready for
- Seated work or more screen time
- Designed to lead to one correct answer, with all other answers being "wrong"
- Busy work
- To be "taught" or "directed" by caregivers during certain times or with strict deadlines
- Up to the caregiver to "figure it out"
- A track or program that expects learners to progress at a pre-determined pace

## Family Support

- 3 support & training on-line sessions before school starts
- Monthly one on one meetings with your child's teacher
- Bi-monthly in-person family nature meet up's
- Virtual parent lounge times
- Weekly EC team office hours
- Easy digital communication tools for interacting with teachers, classmates & other caregivers