

Kindergarten Curriculum

The kindergarten curriculum is an integrated approach to teaching the whole child. Subjects will be integrated by creating meaningful experiences for students to connect their skills and knowledge. The curriculum focuses on the social, emotional, physical, spiritual and cognitive development of kindergarteners while preparing them for success in school.

Literacy

A balanced literacy approach is taken with the intent of integrating authentic reading and writing experiences. The components of balanced literacy are

- Shared writing (teacher models writing while sharing thinking)
- Read Aloud (teacher reads a variety of texts while thinking aloud about content)
- Interactive Writing
- Shared Reading
- Writing Workshop (starting mid-year)
- Reading workshop (starting mid-year)

Reading will specifically be taught with a focus on phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.

Handwriting Without Tears curriculum will be used to teach handwriting.

Math

Students would have an opportunity to work in small and large groups, use a variety of manipulatives and tools, problem solve, share thinking, and write and draw about math. Through mathematics instruction students will be able to use a variety of tools to solve problems, develop a strong number sense, learn about measurement and how to record data, and understand basic geometry.

Science

Students will have an opportunity to be involved in scientific exploration across the curriculum. Specific STEM activities and explorations will be created to engage students in learning the scientific process. In addition students will be able to explore and use tools to solve scientific problems.

Social Studies

Social Studies learning will be integrated across the curriculum. Students will be engaged in activities that develop their learning about self, family and community.

Arts

Student will have daily opportunities to engage in the arts. Throughout the curriculum students will create visual arts and explore music, movement and theatre.