

Kindergarten Curriculum

Overview

In Kindergarten, we utilize a variety of ELA programs. Our "Michael Heggarty" program will focus on identifying sounds through oral and auditory activities so that they may develop phonemic awareness skills. Phonemic awareness is when children understand that words are made of individual sounds, or phonemes. This is a daily 10 minute lesson that will focus on beginning and ending sounds, rhyming words, isolating sounds, blending sounds into words and also segmenting words into sounds.

We will also have a daily "Foundations" program, which focuses on identifying and writing letters and sounds. It is a structured program and will guide children to decoding words and phonics rules.

Last, we will use our Schoolwide and Super Readers program to teach reading skills. The children will be learning the following skills through these two curriculums: how a book works, retelling stories (beginning, middle, end, characters, setting, problem & solution,) taking turns speaking and listening to others, grade level grammar (spaces between words, capitalization and ending punctuation) and expressing written ideas about a book or topic.

Our Math series is called "Bridges." It is a "hands on" curriculum which includes daily number corner activities, workplaces which reinforce skills and a home connection. We will be focusing on recognizing and writing numbers 0-20, counting independently to 100 (and beyond) by any given number, comparing numbers, composing and decomposing numbers, making and extending patterns, and understanding addition and subtraction.

We will also be using the Second Step curriculum for our SEL lessons (social/emotional learning.) In kindergarten, we will focus on cooperative learning, being respectful and responsible, and a good citizen. We will utilize our "turn and talk" skills during these lessons.