

## Home School Kindergarten Program

Monday-Thursday 9-3 (early pick up options)

- We are based on the understanding that young children learn primarily through imitation.
- Storytelling, puppetry and creative play kindle the imagination and form the basis of numeracy and literacy.
- Problem solving and logic are developed through block building and active outdoor play. Outdoor play and nature walks increase physical strength, agility and grace, fostering a meaningful connection with the natural world and laying the groundwork for future scientific studies.
- Fine motor skills are cultivated through painting, drawing and beeswax modeling.
- Social harmony is fostered with circle games, singing, handwork and practical activities.
- Seasonal festivals create a rhythmic schedule and foster a heartfelt relationship with nature.
- The sharing of practical activities such as snack preparations, clean-up, and plant care starts the child on the path toward personal responsibility and respect for others.
- The day's activities unfold in an unhurried way with each day following an
  established rhythm, giving the child a sense of security and consistency. It is an
  environment of love, warmth and harmony that serves as a gentle transition
  between the security of home and the coming grade years. The child's days are
  filled with both structured and unstructured activities that exercise their fresh and
  dynamic powers of imagination.



 To begin formal academic study at this time is to rush the child through that period of life when their proper work and most effective way of learning is through imaginative play.

## **Special Subjects for all grades:**

Music
Foreign Language- Spanish, sign language
Handwork & Woodworking
Movement & Games}
Swimming Lessons
Rock Climbing

## **Special Projects for all grades**

Recycle
Community Partnership with Senior Center
Seasonal Festivals/Festival Preparation

## Daily Rhythm for all grades

(2hours and 45min Outside per day minimum)
9am Drop off outside
9:30-11:30 main lesson block
11:30-12:30 Time in Outdoor Classroom
12:30 Lunch
1-1:45 Rest/Reading/ Activity of the day
1:45 Outside/Games
1:45-3 Outside Unstructured Play/Early Pick Up/End of Day
3-4:30 Aftercare \$10 for 3-4 and \$15 for 3-4:40 per child

#### **Tuition**

Yearly tuition-\$6,300 Paid monthly for 9 months - \$700



# Kindergarten Semester One - August to December

Language Arts & Social Studies	Science
<ul> <li>Uppercase letters A-I</li> <li>Letter sounds and shapes</li> <li>Stories, poetry, and songs</li> <li>Uppercase letter J-R</li> <li>Letter sounds and shapes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nature through the five senses</li> <li>Falling leaves and special trees</li> <li>Animals: similarities and differences</li> <li>Plant harvest: harvesting food</li> <li>Weather: seasonal changes</li> </ul>
Math	Arts & Crafts
<ul> <li>Numbers 0-6</li> <li>Geometric shapes</li> <li>Pattern recognition</li> <li>Opposites</li> <li>Comparing quantities</li> </ul>	Throughout the year, students engage in a multitude of art and craft activities including crayon drawing, watercolor painting, sewing, baking, nature crafts, collage, crafts from recycled materials, carpentry, model building, and working with clay.
Music and Movement	Health
Over the course of the year, students participate in activities that help develop musical ability, bilateral awareness, rhythm, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity. Sample activities include making and playing homemade instruments, reciting poetry, singing and finger plays, dancing, and playing catch and other kinesthetic games.	Families explore topics relevant to their child's growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.



# Kindergarten Semester Two - January to May

Language Arts & Social Studies	Science	
<ul> <li>Uppercase letters S-Z</li> <li>Stories, poetry, and songs</li> <li>Family history</li> <li>Letter sounds and shapes</li> <li>Emotions</li> <li>Local community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stars and constellations</li> <li>Animal behavior</li> <li>Pet/animal care</li> <li>Plant growth</li> <li>Weather: seasonal activities</li> </ul>	
Math	Arts & Crafts	
<ul> <li>Numbers 7-10</li> <li>Sorting and grouping</li> <li>Sequencing and counting</li> <li>Geometric shapes</li> <li>Comparisons and patterns</li> </ul>	Throughout the year, students engage in a multitude of art and craft activities including crayon drawing, watercolor painting, sewing, baking, nature crafts, collage, crafts from recycled materials, carpentry, model building, and working with clay.	
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# First Grade Program

	First Semester	Second Semester
Language Arts	Upper and lower case letters A-Z Long and short vowel sounds Fairy tales and poetry Word Families Printing words phonics	Fairy Tales Form drawing Printing words Independent reading Writing out sentences Consonant blends Word games
Social Studies	HISTORY Classic Fairy Tales Daily and Monthly cycles Yearly Calendar  GEOGRAPHY Navigating with a compass Mapmaking and reading maps Using a globe	ECONOMICS Goods and services Marketplace exchanges Saving and spending  CIVICS Rules and playing fair Family jobs Respect Diversity
Science	Phases of the moon Constellations Life cycle of a seed Animal observations Weather and cloud formations Seasonal animal behavior, tracks and hibernation Deciduous and coniferous trees	Diurnal and nocturnal animals Forms of matter Pond and forest life Seed dispersal Pollination and bees Planting and charting plant growth Scientific inquiry Life cycle of a butterfly
Math	Four processes Ordinal numbers 2,5,10 times tables Translating story problems into equations Missing numbers Mental math counting/sorting Form drawing	Odd and even Number bonds Multistep problems 3 times tables Mental math Relationships between math processes Equations in vertical format Commutative property of addition



Arts and Crafts	Throughout the year, students engage in a variety of arts and crafts activities. Fine-motor dexterity and focus are developed through learning to knit, which benefits the child's developing writing skills. Highlights include making a bird feeder and nesting supply box, maintaining a seasonal display, wet paper watercolor painting, nature crafts, and creative sand and water play.
Movement	We will work to have local music teachers involved for various musical instruments. Movement activities focus on balance, coordination, directional awareness, and rhythmic movements such as jumping rope.

