

# Early Start Children's Center Kindergarten Curriculum

## September

**"School Citizens" – Fostering respect for self, for others, and for belongings**

- End of Summer
- Apple picking field trip
- Colors – review 8 basic colors
- Shapes – review 6 basic shapes
- Math – review numbers 1 – 20
- Self help – zipping and snapping
- Language arts
  - Color and shape words
  - Printing first names (upper and lower case)
  - Capital letters in proper names
  - Letters: C, O, S
    - Recognition of upper and lower case
    - Proper letter formation using the Handwriting Without Tears Method
    - Phonetic sound

## October

**"Community Helpers" – People who work in our neighborhood**

- Fire Safety – Field trip to the Fire Station
- Signs of Autumn
- Colors – mixing colors to make new ones
- Shapes – introducing heart and crescent
- Math – counting out loud (rote)
- Self help – practicing address, birth date, and telephone number
- Language arts
  - Days of the week
  - Practice writing numbers 0,1,2&3
  - Letters: V, W, T, A

## November

**"Native Americans" – How they lived long ago**

- Thanksgiving
- Colors and Shapes – working with patterns, predicting what comes next
- Math – sorting and classifying (leaves, beans, etc.)
- Self help – tying shoes
- Language arts
  - Printing last names (upper and lower case)
  - Practice writing numbers 4 & 5
  - Theme journaling
  - Thanksgiving Presentation (full day program)
  - Letters: D, G, U, I, E

## December

### **"Holiday Happenings" – Cultural Celebrations**

- Christmas, Hanukkah , and Kwanzaa
- Holiday pageant (1/2 day program)
- Winter weather
- Math – graphing
- Self help – review of how to prevent germs from spreading (hand washing, covering mouth...)
- Language arts
  - Writing letters to Santa and/or thank you notes
  - Practice writing numbers 6 & 7
  - Letters: L, K

## January

### **"Growing Up Healthy" – good foods and exercise**

- Chef Combo - the food pyramid
- Cooking
- Math – classifying and sorting using the food groups, counting aloud while exercising
- 100 Day celebration
- Self help – getting dressed for winter
- Language arts
  - Names of months
  - Write full names using upper and lower case letters
  - Practicing writing numbers 8 & 9
  - Letters: Y, J, P, R
- Progress Reports – testing and observation

## February

### **"In My Heart" – Understanding and expressing my feelings**

- The five senses
- Dental health
- Valentine's Day activities
- Math – counting coins and telling time
- Language arts
  - Practice writing 10's to 100
  - Printing classmates' names
  - Letters: N, M, H, B

## March

### **"All Around the World" – Life in other countries**

- St. Patrick's Day
- Lambs and Lions – March weather
- Math – understanding sets
- Language arts
  - Word families
  - Rhyming words
  - Theme journaling with inventive spelling
  - Letters: F, Q, X, Z

## **April**

### **"Marvelous Me" – Things that make me special**

- How Things Grow – planting unit
- Celebrating the Week of the Child
- Math – using sets for simple addition
- Language arts
  - Celebrate Library Week
  - Retell stories
  - Introduce alphabetical order

## **May**

### **"My Family Tree" - Family relationships**

- Mother's Day
- Field trip to a restaurant to practice manners
- Metamorphosis
- Math – using sets for simple subtraction
- Language arts
  - Reading simple books
  - Book reports – main idea and supporting detail

## **June**

### **"Transitions" – Moving on**

- Father's Day
- Signs of Summer
- Field trip to the Butterfly Place
- Review of year - memories
- Progress Reports – testing and observation
- End of the year celebration
- Graduation!