

# Early Start Children's Center Preschool Curriculum

## September

### **"School Spirit" - Making new friends and responsibilities**

- All about Apples
- Colors – review
- Shapes – review
- Numbers – 1,2,&3
- Reading Readiness – alphabet song, name recognition
  - Letter A – acorns and apples
  - Letter B – Bumble Bees and Buckle up Bear

## October

### **"Jobs People Do" – Fire fighters and police officers**

- Fire and abduction safety
- Halloween Fun
- Signs of Fall
- Shapes – Halloween shape book
- Numbers – 4,5,&6
- Reading Readiness – recognizing letters in first name, practicing printing first name
  - Letter H – hats and Halloween
  - Letter W – walk in the woods
  - Letter J – Jack-o-lanterns

## November

### **"Pilgrims" – The long voyage**

- Thanksgiving play "The First Thanksgiving"
- Pilgrims on the Mayflower-practicing address & telephone number
- Numbers – 7,8,9,&10, simple dot to dots
- Reading Readiness – color words
  - Letter T – turkeys, teepees, and teddy bears
  - Letter C – cooking cranberries
  - Letter P – Pilgrims

## December

### **"Gifts and Giving" – Christmas, Hanukkah & Kwanzaa**

- Holiday activities and party
- Numbers – 1-10 - review with holiday shape and number book
- Shapes – review with holiday shape and number book
- Reading Readiness – writing letters to Santa,
  - Letter G – Gifts for family, gingerbread house
  - Letter K – Kwanzaa

## **January**

### **“Healthy Me” – Good nutrition**

- Grocery store fun
- Body parts and growing
- Chef Combo and cooking
- Reading Readiness – visual discrimination and opposites
  - Letter S – snow and signs of winter
  - Letter N – good nutrition
  - Letter O – opposites
  - Letter I – ice cream and icicles
- Progress Reports – observation and testing

## **February**

### **“Emotions” – Feelings and friends**

- Valentine’s Day
- Buddies – being a good friends
- Post Office Playtime
- Dental Health
- Reading Readiness – sequencing
  - Letter V – valentines
  - Letter R – rainbows and red
  - Letter X – x-rays

## **March**

### **“Small World Celebrations” - Nationalities**

- Hospital unit
- Numbers 11,12 &13
- St Patrick’s Day – green eggs and ham
- Reading Readiness – retelling stories
  - Letter L – lambs and lions, leprechauns
  - Letter E – eggs
  - Letter QU – quilts and questions

## **April**

### **“I am Special” – Celebrating the Week of the Child**

- “Unit changes yearly” – Space, Dinosaurs , Under the Sea....(depending on interest)
- Signs of Spring
- Numbers – 14,15&16
- Reading Readiness – Recognizing and printing of last names (if first name mastered)
  - Letter Y – yellow and yo-yos
  - Letter D – daisies and dandelions
  - Letter F – flowers and fish

## **May**

### **“My Family” – People who are special to me**

- Mother’s Day
- Cooking muffins
- Numbers – 17,18, 19&20
- Reading Readiness – Fun with rhyming words
  - Letter M – Mother, May, and muffins
  - Letter Z – Zipping

## **June**

### **“Growing and Changing” – Getting ready for my next step**

- Father’s Day
- Metamorphous (caterpillar to butterfly)
- Field Day
- End of school year celebration
- Numbers – review of 1-20
- Reading Readiness – review
- Progress Reports – observation and testing