

# Kindergarten Overview

## First Semester

## Second Semester

### Language Arts / Social Studies

- Uppercase letters A–I
- Letter sounds and shapes
- Stories, poetry, and songs
- Uppercase letters J–R
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- Stories, poetry, and songs
- Family history
- Uppercase letters S–Z
- Letter sounds and shapes
- Emotions
- Local community

### Science

- Nature through the five senses
- Falling leaves and special trees
- Animals: similarities and differences
- Plant growth: seeds and sprouts
- Weather: seasonal changes

- Stars and constellations
- Animal behavior
- Pet/animal care
- Plant growth
- Weather: seasonal activities

### Math

- Numbers 1–6
- Geometric shapes
- Pattern recognition
- Opposites
- Comparing quantities

- Numbers 7–10
- Sorting and grouping
- Sequencing and counting
- Geometric shapes
- Comparisons and patterns

### Arts and Crafts

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

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 musical instruments, reciting poetry, singing and finger plays, dancing, and playing catch and other kinesthetic games.

### Health

The book *Healthy Living from the Start* provides the basis for a year-long health course. Families explore topics relevant to their child's growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.