



Literacy

Literacy is a part of everything we do in the classroom. This year we will focus on early reading skills. We hope to help the children develop a love for books, the desire to read, and a chance to explore the creative writing process.

Some of the skills we will work on this year include:

- Recognizing upper and lower case letters
- Recognizing and writing their names
- Expressing thoughts in sentences
- Communicating ideas
- Understanding a story/book
- Re-telling a story

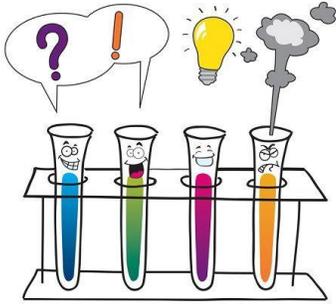
Each Monday we will introduce a new letter. We will learn the letter sound, discover words that start with that letter, and practice writing the letter. We will make an ABC journal and learn a sight word. During the year we will keep a theme journal, sing, write stories, act out stories, play words games and even learn some sign language.



Pre-K math is so much fun! We incorporate math into all of our daily activities. We count, sort, measure, graph and compare everything!

Some of the math skills that we will work on this year include:

- Counting
- Recognizing numbers
- Writing numbers
- Patterns
- Shapes
- $<$, $>$, $=$
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Sorting
- Graphing



We have some exciting STEM activities planned this year! We hope to foster a classroom atmosphere where our children are curious, engaged learners. We want them to ask questions and look for answers, developing critical thinking skills.

Some of our theme units will include:

- Dinosaurs
- Space
- Animal classifications and habitats
- Human Body
- How plants grow
- Weather and seasons
- Water cycle
- Weights and measures

We will conduct many science experiments throughout the year including candy cane science, easter egg science, sound, motion, sink or float, and light and shadows, to name a few. We will build a bridge and see how much weight it can hold, make our own rocks, and of course, explode a volcano!



Our social studies curriculum will focus on being part of a family and part of a community. We will learn that we are “all alike, and all different.” We will celebrate our American culture on Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, and also learn about other cultures on Cinco de Mayo, St. Patrick’s Day and Chinese New Year.

We won’t forget our community heroes and will learn about how our police officers, firefighters, soldiers, doctors and nurses, help keep us safe.

We will look at globes and maps, and try our hand at mapping our classroom. We might even make a treasure map! We will learn about different landforms and environments, and learn ways to take care of our planet.