

CURRICULUM FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015-16

This provides a basic outline for the skills and activities we will be practicing, in the classroom this year. Field Trips are tentative and subject to change- more information will be provided as the school-year progresses.

September Themes:

Rules and Routines (Personal Responsibility/Social Development)

Getting to Know You

Manners and Feelings

Johnny Appleseed and Apples (Science)

Fall (Science/Seasonal Changes)

4's/5's Letter Readiness (Assessments) Number Readiness (Assessments)

3's Numbers Readiness (Assessments)

Color: Blue

October Themes:

Fire Safety

Fall (Science/Seasonal Changes)

Leaves and Pumpkins (Science/Life Science),

Halloween

4's/5's Letters: LFE and Numbers: 1,4

3's Number: 1

Shape: Square

Color: Orange

Activities:

3's Visit from Fireman/Firewoman,

4's/5's Walking Field Trip to Fire Station and *Brown's Fall Field Trip

*Trick-or-Treating around town, during class time

November Themes:

Thanksgiving (History)

Being Thankful

Turkeys (Science/Life Sciences)

4's/5's Letters: HTI and Numbers: 7,5,2

3's Number: 2

Shape: Rectangle

Color: Yellow

December Themes:

Holidays/Giving (Civics/Culture)

Hibernation (Science)

Winter (Science/Seasonal Changes)

4's/5's Letters: UCO and Numbers: 3,6,8

3's Number: 3

Shape: Triangle

Color: Brown

Number: 5 Shape: Triangle

*Winter Musical Preparation

January Themes:

Snow and Ice (Science/States of Matter)
Penguins (Science/Habitats and Life Cycles)
4's/5's Letters: QGSJ and Numbers: 9,10
3's Number: 4
Shape: Circle
Color: White/Black

February Themes:

President's Day (History/American History)
Groundhog's Day/Shadows (Science/Physical Science)
Valentine's Day (Science/The Five Senses)
Friendship/Cooperation
Dental Health Month (Health and Life Science)
4's/5's Letters: DPBR and Numbers: 11-15
3's Number: 5/6
Shape: Heart
Color: Red
*Walking Field Trip to Codorus Post Office

March Themes:

Spring (Science/Seasonal Changes)
Read Across America/Dr. Seuss (Authors)
St. Patrick's Day
Rainbows and Rain (Science/Weather)
Ducklings (Science/Life Science)
4's/5's Letters: KAVM and Numbers: 16-20
3's Number: 7/8
Shape: Rhombus (Diamond)
Color: Green
*Dr. Seuss Wacky Week

April Themes:

Earth Day (Science/Earth's Resources)
Easter
Frogs, Insects and Butterflies (Science/Life Processes)
Growing Seeds (Life Cycles)
4's/5's Letters: NWX and Number Review
3's Number: 9/10
Color: Purple
Shape: Oval
*4/5's Perry Dell Farms Field Trip (tentative)

May Themes:

Summer Fun (Safety)
Water and Bubbles (Science/Properties of Water)

Fireflies (Science/Life Science)
Big Blue Sea (Science/Habitats)
4's/5's Letters: YZ and Numbers: Review
3's Numbers: Review
Color: Review
Shape: Review
*4/5's Nixon Park Field Trip (tentative)

4's/5's Class– All activities are geared towards getting ready for Kindergarten. The curriculum(s) used are Handwriting Without Tears©, KidWriting©, Scholastic.

Students will focus on: identifying letters and learning letter sounds, counting objects to 20, recognizing and writing full name, identifying patterns, using scissors and other supplies, color and shape recognition. Focusing on a task and listening/following directions

3's Class – Students will learn colors, shapes, counting to 10, following simple directions, recognizing and writing first name, using scissors, learning how to hold a crayon/pencil grip, focusing on a task and listening/following directions. The main focus is social-emotional skills.

All classes are geared toward learning:
the rules of the classroom (taking turns, respecting personal boundaries, listening, cooperating)
practicing quiet time
how to follow more than one direction, at a time
how to work and play with each other
how to exercise large muscles and gain control of small muscles
how to become more independent