

# Language



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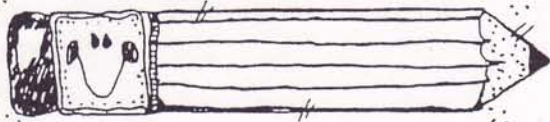
Language activities are a priority in kindergarten. Through the utilization of literature books, class-made books, Big Books, puppets, tapes, poems, and an array of other activities, children experience a language-rich environment daily. This setting provides children with the foundation to eventually become emergent readers.



# Reading and Phonics

Reading is taught by reading and phonics! The special language of the printed word is best introduced to children by reading aloud to them from a variety of sources. The desire to read is nurtured and increased when children see the necessity and joy of reading! Reading should be fun!

In addition, kindergarten students receive explicit instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics. Each day activities are presented that assist young children in understanding the relationship between alphabetic symbols (letters) and sounds. Eventually, children will utilize reading strategies to decode new words.



# Writing

The writing program builds on what each child already knows. Writing begins with scribbles, and proceeds to lines and circles, random strings of letters, words and spaces, and eventually sentences. You may hear these "terms" in school during the year....'pretend writing,' 'inventive writing,' 'phonetic writing,' or 'book spelling writing.' Your children will be encouraged and applauded for all attempts and accomplishments in writing. Providing a risk-free environment is paramount to your children's progress in writing.

If possible, please provide your children with writing tools, such as, pencils, crayons, felt pens, and paper at home.



# Mathematics

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The mathematics program involves children in a variety of activities that create a foundation for mathematical understandings. Children manipulate concrete materials, such as blocks, buttons, keys, bread tabs, and unifix cubes, to form mathematical concepts. Children discover the world of math through sorting, classifying, patterning, measuring, graphing, and estimating. Literature selections will focus instruction on specific mathematical concepts.

# Social Studies, Science, and Health

In social studies, science, and health, children learn about themselves, others, and the world around them. Real objects, pictures, films, books, graphs, experiments, and field trips, are utilized to provide information and opportunities for children to explore, compare and experiment.

# Music, Drama, and Art



Children listen to music, sing songs, participate in rhythmic activities, and use rhythm instruments. They learn to appreciate music in a variety of ways.

Selected stories and rhymes are "brought to life" through dramatizations. These impromptu reenactments help children to internalize the language contained in the stories.

Creative art activities include drawing, painting, coloring, and cutting. Children manipulate a wide variety of materials to stimulate creativity. Individual expression and imagination are encouraged.