

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW: FOURS/EARLY FIVES CLASSES

Our curriculum is organized in a thematic approach, with concepts which build upon one another as the calendar year progresses.

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** Early Literacy Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing  
We incorporate two curriculums: Heggerty for phonological awareness and Handwriting without Tears for handwriting. Morning News, Journals, Alphabet Art, Letter People, and Adventures with the Take Home "stuffed" Animal

**MATH:** Calendar, "Days in School" counting by 1s, 5s & 10s, 100 Day Celebration, Days of the Week, Months of the Year, Shapes, Patterns, Sorting, Classifying, Graphing, Counting, Measuring, Estimating, Number Recognition, Writing Numbers, Identifying Coins

**BIBLE:** Weekly Bible Story, Monthly Bible Verse, Love Box, Coloring Pages, Songs, Prayers and Weekly Chapel.

**SCIENCE:** Class Tree Study, Weather, Seasons, Color weeks, Nature Walks and Lessons on Animals, Birds, Insects and Plants

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Self (All About Me Posters), Family, Community Helpers and Famous People in History

**SOCIAL SKILLS:** Manners, Taking Turns, Waiting, Listening, Cooperating & Sharing

**ARTS:** Visual Arts, Music and Drama. Instruction emphasizes creativity, imaginative expression and creative exploration. Weekly Music Class using instruments (rhythm sticks, shaky eggs, drums, chime bells, jingle bells, triangles, xylophones & tambourines), exposure to different types of music, movement using scarves & octaband, performing songs (Christmas & End of School Year), finger plays, with opportunity to relax, move, and enjoy. Using a variety of materials to create art such as paint, crayons, glue, dot markers and playdough. Pretend and make-believe play through dress-up, props, and puppet theatre.

**HEALTH:** Nutrition (Daily Snack), Exercise, Safety, Hygiene, Self-Help Skills (Zipping and Washing Hands)

**GYM:** The program is designed for large motor development. Eye-hand and Eye-foot Coordination, Balance, Strength, Rhythm, Relays, Organized games, Sportsmanship and Learning to follow rules.