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Kindergarten

Elem. Arts & Crafts K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Crayons

Yellow, blue, red, and black markers

Multimedia paper

Watercolor paper

Pastels

11x14 or large 90lb watercolor paper

Tempera paint in primary colors of red, yellow and blue

Brush - 3/4" round

Water color brush

Craft stick

Pine cone, bird seed

Peanut butter, rice, beans

Household items such as glue, scissors, tape, ruler, paper towels, cardboard, masking tape, straws

Description: Semester A

This course provides a foundation for children's inherent artistic imagination and creativity by sharing the basics of art and making art. Students are introduced to lines, circles, recognizing and using shapes, creating a collage and concepts such as symmetry.

Young artists will also explore a variety of media such as pastels, watercolors, crayons, tempera, and pencil drawing.

A particular emphasis on this course is on creating works of art. In this semester students will work with clay, draw with pastels, make fingerprint flowers, draw barns and animals using shapes and recognizing lines using the student's name.

Semester B

Emphasis in the second semester students will be placed on applying what the students have learned to make more detailed works of art.

Among the projects this semester students will be creating a bird feeder, make pig puppets, craft paper flowers, make potpourri, craft a heart collage, construct a wind chime, and press flowers.

Elem. Health K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health K-1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices.

Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, communication, disease prevention, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork.

Major Concepts:

Semester A
What is Health
Health Behaviors
Nutrition
Safety

Semester B
Communication
Health Helpers
Disease
Anatomy

Elem. Language Arts K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies, Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: Semester A

This Kindergarten Language Arts course will teach students to identify and write all letters, produce letter sounds and also frequently used phonograms. Students will also master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers. All Common Core K LA standards are met in this course.

Major Concepts:

Letter Aa; Short a

Letter Bb

Letter Tt

Letter Mm

Letter Ss

Letter Nn

Letter Ee; Short e

Letter Ff

Letter Dd

Letter Gg; Soft and Hard Gg

Letter Ii, Short i

Letter Cc; Soft and Hard Cc

Letter Pp

Letter Rr

Letter Oo; Soft o

Letter Vv

Semester B

Major Concepts:

Letter Ww

Letter Zz

Letter Uu; Short u
Letter Jj
Letter Kk
Letter Qq: Qu sound
Letter Yy
Letter Xx
Phonics: th
Phonics: sh
Phonics: ch
Phonics: wh
Phonics: Long a
Phonics: Long e
Phonics: Long i
Phonics: Long o
Phonics: Long u

Elem. Math K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters
Required Materials: 78 beans or counters
Empty egg carton
Chalk
45 mini marshmallows
Hole punch
Scissors
Yarn
Tape
Buttons, beads
Pipe cleaner
Finger paints

Description: Semester A

During the first semester students will learn foundational math facts. They will learn to count to 12, how to compare sizes, ordinal numbers putting items in order, what a number line is and its uses, basic measurements such as inches and feet, and how to tell time on digital and analog clocks.

Students will have many opportunities to practice these new concepts by interacting with online confirmation exercises and filling out worksheets off line.

A special emphasis this semester is for students to have fun with numbers, finding success with concepts such as bigger and smaller and being comfortable in an online environment.

Major Concepts:
Position words
Comparing sizes
Shapes
Counting to ten
Patterns

Basic measures
Number line
Telling time
Ordinals – first through seventh

Semester B

Students learn to count to twenty. They work with comparing objects using the terms tall, longer, and shorter as well as comparing two objects using the terms lighter and heavier. They will continue their exploration of basic geometric shapes such as cones and spheres. They will work with the concept of first, middle, and last.

Arranging and sorting receive special emphasis this semester. Students will also work on writing numbers with 3, 4, and 5 given special attention. Students will learn the concepts of left and right. Coins are also a focus as students will count pennies, nickels and dimes. Finally the number 7 is studied using the colors of the rainbow.

Projects include making paper fingers and thumbs and creating designs with them. They will also make the numbers 1-10 out of dough.

Major Concepts:

- Counting to twenty
- Comparing weight and length
- Sorting by shape and color
- Cones, cubes, and spheres
- First middle and last
- Left and right
- Counting pennies and nickels

Elem. P.E. K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Heart Rate Monitor, SPRI Resistance Tubing Kit

Description: Elementary PE K-1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include exercise safety, making healthy choices, nutrition, the benefits, components, and principles of fitness, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

Your Fitness

Safety

Healthy Choices

Components of Fitness

Semester B

Principles of Fitness

Game Play
Nutrition
Your Body

Elem. Science K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

In Kindergarten Science, students in this course will use their senses to explore their world. Students experience nature walks, gardening, and imitative games by exploring the topics shown below.

Major Concepts:

The Fall Season

Leaves and Butterflies

Deer

Autumn Leaves and Weather Conditions

Falling leaves

Squirrels

Ducks

Natural Fall Objects

Nature Observations

Animals & Camouflage

Planting a Garden

Terrariums

Growing a Seed

Goldfish

Freezing Water

Magnets

Semester B

Students in this course will continue using their senses to explore their world. Students experience nature walks, gardening, and imitative games by exploring the topics shown below.

Major Concepts:

Animal Tracks

Astronomy in the Winter

Animals and their Offspring

Shapes in Nature

Winter and the Five Senses

Properties of Matter

Spring Clouds

Rainbows and Evaporation

Making Maple Syrup

Spring Flowers

Spring Flowers
Spring Plant Growth
Earthworms
Evening Stars & Constellations
Birds
Pet Care
Bees and Pollution
The Sounds of Spring
Frogs and Ponds

Elem. Social Studies K A / K B

Course Length: Two Semesters
Required Materials: Basic School Supplies and Ruler
Colored pencils or crayons
Yarn
Hole punch
Construction Paper
Glue

Description: Semester A
Course Description

This course introduces students to their place in the community and the responsibilities of being a member of society. Great figures of U.S. history such as Pocahontas, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are a focus of learning in this semester.

Students will also learn about everyday heroes, the responsibilities of pet ownership, the importance of rules, table manners, and eating well.

A skill that students will practice throughout the semester is retelling stories. Students may do this by recording audio, retelling the stories orally, or writing their observations. They will learn how to use details and basics of narratives.

Projects will help students think about what pets need and defining emotions.

Major Concepts:

Problem solving
Calendar
Food log
Perfect pets
Everyday heroes
Rules at home
Table manners

Semester B

Course Description

In the second semester students are introduced to map reading skills. They will be taught to read maps of the U.S. and the world. From learning about location to how water is represented to floor plans, students are introduced to map skills that will last a lifetime.

Students will also learn about symbols of the U.S. such as the American flag and the eagle. From there students learn about holidays with a particular focus on Thanksgiving.

Another focus is on currency. They will be introduced to what money is, how money can be spent, the power of buying locally, and the difference between wants and needs.

Projects will include a piece on distinguishing facts from fiction, buying locally, and focusing on the differences between needs and wants.

Major Concepts:

- Maps
- School symbols
- Family traditions
- Holidays and traditions
- Currency
- Buying power
- Advertising
- Fact or fiction

Grade 1

Elem. Arts & Crafts 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Poster paper

Watercolor paper

Pastel/charcoal paper

Tempera paint in primary colors of red, yellow and blue

Brush - 3/4" round

Water color brush

Pastels

Crayons

Yellow, blue, red, and black markers

Household items such as glue, scissors, tape, ruler, cardboard

Description: Semester A

This course provides a foundation for children's' inherent artistic imagination and creativity by sharing the basics of art and making art. Students are introduced to primary colors, the color wheel, shapes such as lines and circles, and concepts such as symmetry.

Young artists will also explore a variety of media such as pastels, watercolors, crayons , tempera, and pencil drawing.

A particular emphasis on this course is on creating works of art. In this semester students will work create a watercolor tree, use a printing block, produce weather painting, and produce a watercolor painting.

Topics covered:

- Primary Colors
- Color Wheel
- Symmetry
- Lines and Shapes
- Nature and Art

Semester B

Emphasis in the second semester students will be placed on applying what the students have learned to make more detailed works of art.

In this semester students will be creating colorful calendars, stenciling, fashioning intricate flower drawings, revisiting symmetrical objects, and mixing colors.

This course will provide students with opportunities to experience many different forms of arts and to express their imagination while learning valuable skills. Each student is an individual with unique ideas and talents. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which we live.

Topics covered:

- Form drawing
- Mixing colors
- Calendar
- Stenciling
- Wet crayons and wet paper

Elem. Health 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health K-1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices.

Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, communication, disease prevention, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

What is Health

Health Behaviors

Nutrition

Safety

Semester B
Communication
Health Helpers
Disease
Anatomy

Elem. Language Arts 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

This First Grade Language Arts course will teach students to identify and write all letters, produce letter sounds and also frequently used phonograms. Students will also master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers. All Common Core 1 LA standards are met in this course.

Major Concepts:

Short a

Short e

r Blends

Short i

Short o

s Blends

l Blends

Short u

Phonics: sh, th

Phonics: ch, wh, ph

Long i; _i_e

Long a; _a_e

Soft c, soft g, dge

Phonics: ou and ow

Phonics: oo and u

Long o; _o_e

Long e: _e_e and Long u: _u_e

Phonics: oi and oy

Semester B

Major Concepts:

Ai and ay

Ee, ea

Nk and ng

Ey and y

Oa, oe, ow

lgh, ie, y

Ar

Ur, er, ir
Ck, k
Ing and ed
Double Consonants
S and es
Au and aw
Kn, gn, wr
Er, est
Compound Words
Contractions

Elem. Math 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: 10 blocks or stackable objects

100 Counters (such as beans, pennies, etc.)

30 counters (beans)

Ruler (in inches)

Uncooked rice

Various size containers and bowls (8)

Masking tape (optional)

Coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars)

Optional - Jump rope

Optional - Rhythm instruments (bells, tambourine, sticks, or drum)

Optional - String

Description: Semester A

During the first semester students will build fluency with basic math facts. They will learn to count to 100, basic addition and subtraction facts, and how to add double-digit numbers. Students will be introduced to such new concepts as word problems, Venn diagrams, and basic geometric concepts.

There is an emphasis on learning practical skills such as reading thermometers, looking at maps, and understanding the value of coins.

Students will have multiple opportunities to practice new skills and knowledge through using integrated online practice problems.

Topics covered:

Counting to 100

Counting strategies

Addition of three numbers; double digit addition

Understanding even and odd numbers

Recognizing geometry in daily life

Introduction to word problems

Introduction to Venn diagrams

Elementary probability

Semester B

During the second semester students will begin counting by twos, fives, and tens. They will learn both vertical addition and subtraction. Students are introduced to multiplication and division and the signs used in those operations. They will also study even and odd numbers.

Students continue their exploration of geometric shapes through drawing and apply what they learn about shapes by sorting various figures in Venn diagrams. They will also use a balance beam to understand the concept of weight – lighter versus heavier.

As in semester A, students will have multiple opportunities to practice new skills and knowledge through using integrated online practice problems.

Topics covered:

- Counting by twos, fives, and tens

- Ordinal numbers

- Identifying 2-dimensional shapes

- Introduction to multiplication

- Introduction to division

- Signs used in operations

- Drawing shapes

Elem. P.E. 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Heart Rate Monitor, SPRI Resistance Tubing Kit

Description: Elementary PE K-1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include exercise safety, making healthy choices, nutrition, the benefits, components, and principles of fitness, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity

Major Concepts:

Semester A

- Your Fitness

- Safety

- Healthy Choices

- Components of Fitness

Semester B

- Principles of Fitness

- Game Play

- Nutrition

- Your Body

Elem. Science 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

In First Grade Science, students in this course will complete projects that are designed to allow for exploration and discovery. Students observe their surroundings and through observations of the natural world conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development.

Major Concepts:

The Moon

The Seasons

Classifying Leaves

Seeds

Animal Tracks

Birds

Animals and their basic needs

Weather charts

Cloud formation

Weather change and the effects on animals

Living with nature

Animal Adaptation

Winter and Snow formation

Comparing Tree Types

Wild Animal Responses

Hibernation

Erosion

Constellations

Semester B

Students in this course will complete projects that are designed to allow for exploration and discovery. Students observe their surroundings and through observations of the natural world conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development.

Major Concepts:

Animals in the Arctic

Nocturnal and Diurnal animals

States of matter

Dolphins and Sea life

Planting a tomato

Scientific inquiry

Reading a thermometer

Life in a pond

Life in a forest

Characteristics of the maple leaf

How the marketplace works

Sounds in Nature

Birdhouses

Deciduous Trees

Sunflowers
Bess and Pollination
Comparing Butterflies
Planting a Garden

Elem. Social Studies 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters
Required Materials: Basic School Supplies and Ruler
Colored pencils or crayons
Yarn
Hole puncher
12 large pieces of paper, legal size is best Poster board
Crayons

Description: Semester A

In this semester, students begin to explore basic fundamentals of social studies including map skills, cardinal directions, and will begin to examine maps of the U.S. and the globe. Students will also be introduced to important figures from American history such as Pocahontas, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Clara Barton.

A skill that students will practice throughout the semester is retelling stories. Students may do this by recording audio, retelling the stories orally, or writing their observations. They will learn how to use details and basics of narratives.

Students will also make maps of their homes, neighborhoods, as well as a personal timeline.

Topics covered:

- Reading and understanding a calendar
- Cardinal directions
- Personal timeline
- Geography skills
- Reading a map
- Retelling stories and the five finger retell

Semester B

The second semester has a focus on introductory economics. They will study bartering, goods and services, jobs in the community, and how the marketplace works.

Another focus is on positive character traits such as honesty, what the aspects of personal responsibility are, and how to help and respect others.

Historic figures such as Clara Barton and characters from fiction and folklore are used as models for teaching positive traits.

Students will continue practicing their five finger retelling skill with assignments on Martin Alonso (a sailor with Columbus) and George Washington.

Projects will help students think about thoughtful words, showing respect, and being honest. Learners will write, draw, and perform in these projects.

Topics covered:

- Bartering
- Native American systems

Goods in the home and the marketplace
Community services
Personal responsibility
Characteristics of truthfulness
Role of work in a community

Grade 2

Elem. Arts & Crafts 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: Semester A

Art provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop what they already know as a source of knowledge and creativity. Art offers the student an opportunity to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color. Arts and Crafts promote self-esteem and self-awareness as it enhances personal fulfillment. Children have a wonderful imagination that, if encouraged, will be needed though out their life. This course provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. Learners will begin the course by creating a color wheel and understanding the difference between primary, secondary, and complimentary colors. Learners will use watercolors to create a value chart and begin to understand symmetry in art. At the end of the semester students will work with clay and create a Memorial Clay.

Major Concepts:

Primary, Secondary, and Complimentary Colors

Value Charts

Symmetry

Clay

Nature and Art

Semester B

In semester B of Arts and Crafts, students will continue to explore their creativity while also learning ways that art can be functional and add to objects and materials that we use on an everyday basis. Students will begin the semester by creating a 12 month calendar. The students will focus on new month each week. They will also be able to pick a different clay project each week from The Book of Nature Crafts and/or Clay Fun. Once students have completed the calendar project they will begin to work on form drawing and make a seasonal chart using objects familiar with each of the four seasons. The course concludes with students working with wet crayons and wet paper. This course will provide students with opportunities to experience many different forms of arts and to express their imagination while learning valuable skills. Each student is an individual with unique ideas and talents. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which we live.

Major Concepts:

Months and Days
Form Drawing
Wet Crayons and Wet Paper
Seasons
Clay
Nature and Art

Elem. Health 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health 2-3 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, disease prevention, conflict resolution, basic anatomy and physiology, and the values of respect and cooperation.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

Health Communication

Social Health

Mental Health

Injury Prevention

Semester B

Nutrition and Fitness

The Body

Disease and Drugs

Consumer and Environmental Health

Elem. Language Arts 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Novels (chosen by student with teacher input and approval)

Description: The 2nd Grade Language Arts course will teach students to spell and write vocabulary, read more fluently, apply grammar concepts, and participate in handwriting and writing activities through thematic units. Students will also continue to master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers. All Common Core 2 LA standards are met in this course.

Weekly Themes include:

Your Family

Family Fun

Bedtime

Fall Fun

Farm Visit

Dentist Visit

Grandparents
Making Snow
Winter Time
Cooking Fun
Cycles
Getting Creative
Fun with Friends
Animal Friends
Animal Helpers
Animal Babies
Doctors & Nurses
Authors

Semester B

Weekly Themes include:

Animal Food
Animal Jobs
Travel Stories
My Community
Community Jobs
Gifts
Making Mischief
Natural World
Animal Adventure
Patterns
Earth
Water
To the Moon
Future
Making Plans
Asking Questions
Being Afraid
Moving On

Elem. Math 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

During the first semester students will build fluency with basic math facts and add and subtract within 100 to solve word problems using strategic methods. Students will also manipulate numbers to 1000 using knowledge of hundreds, tens, and ones. Lastly, students will demonstrate arrays with repeated addition.

Major Concepts:

Fact Fluency

Addition and Subtraction to 1000
Addition and Subtraction Strategies
Repeated Addition
Associative and Commutative Properties
Estimation

Semester B

During the second semester students will use place value to add and subtract within 1000. They will use place value to estimate and solve word problems to demonstrate skills. Students will measure and compare length and represent it on a number line. They will work with money and time to compare value. Students will collect data and represented on graphs to discuss it. Lastly, they will recognize common 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes by specific characteristics.

Major Concepts:

Repeated Subtraction
Whole Number Length
Time: Minute, Hour, Day
Money: Combinations of 1 dollar
Area and Perimeter
Simple Fractions: Equivalency
Data
Volume and Weight
2D and 3D Shapes

Elem. P.E. 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic school supplies

Description: Elementary PE 2-3 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

Major Concepts:

Semester A
Your Fitness
Safety
Healthy Choices
Skill and Health

Semester B

Principles of Fitness
Game Play
Nutrition

Your Body

Elem. Science 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic Kitchen Lab Supplies

Description: Semester A

Second Grade Science introduces students to the process of observation and how important it is to the study of science. Learners will identify their five senses and why they are critical to observation. Students will use these observation skills throughout the course as they examine many different types of animals and their environments. Students begin by observing ants in their own environments and continue onto learning the different types of birds. Students will come to understand plant and animal rhythms and will perform small experiments with plants. Stories will be used to teach the students about nature and interactions that humans have with nature. They will continue to learn about animals and their characteristics habitats, and needs. Students will learn through video, audio stories, hands-on participation and observation with nature. The teachers will conduct live assessments for the topics that had been covered throughout the week's lessons. Grade 2 Science provides students with the opportunity to expand their minds and see for themselves the way that animals and nature are a part of their everyday lives.

Major Concepts:

The Five Senses of Humans
Animal Habitats and Weather
Plant and Animal Rhythms
Animal Characteristics
Nature and Interactions
Experiments with Plants
Animal Needs

Semester B

Semester B of Second Grade Science begins with the students learning the characteristics of the Weaverbird and Swiftlet bird. Learners will come to understand the different groupings of animals including those with vertebrates, invertebrates and warm and cold blooded animals, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Learners will be asked to recall the five senses that they discussed at the beginning of the course and compare them to the senses of animals. They will also learn how animals communicate and the relationship between animals and humans. The course ends with the students taking a closer look at the characteristics of reptiles, insects, birds of prey, and fish. At the close of the course students will have a deeper understanding and appreciation of animals and their habitats.

Major Concepts:

Examining the Characteristics of Animal Groups
Vertebrates and Invertebrates
Warm and Cold Blooded Animals
Animal Food Chains
Animal Communication

The Desert Biome
Carnivores, Herbivores, and Omnivores

Elem. Social Studies 2 A / 2 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

In second grade, students in this course will begin to explore the basic fundamentals of social studies including culture, geography, and economics. Students will explore the Ancient Cultures of China, Africa, and the Celts. Students will explore these cultures through ancient folk tales and fables. Learners will create a photo book that describes the significant events in their own life. They will also examine the importance of geography and direction. Students will learn how to locate boundaries while using a world map. Students will identify the places that were discussed in the previous lessons including Africa, China, and the British Isles. They will develop a rudimentary understanding of map symbols as they locate continents, the equator, and oceans. Students will also learn to identify on a road map where they live, rivers, mountain ranges and lakes nearby their homes. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

Major Concepts:

Cultural Diversity in Ancient Civilizations

Reading Fables and Folk Tales

Put Together a Linear Story

Geography Skills

Reading a Map

Identifying Important Land Features

Semester B

The second semester begins by introducing learners to economics and the role that money plays in every civilization. They will take a closer look at the economy of the Celtic people. Students learn the difference between natural, human, and capital resources. Learners will begin to understand the exchange of money for goods and services. They will gain a basic understanding of what scarcity is and why it is good that we do not always get everything that we want. Students will understand these concepts by drawing upon their understanding of the desires/wishes in their own lives. Students will also learn about desirable human qualities through the use of fables such as "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Learners will look at individuals who have made a difference in the greater community. Students will learn about Rosa Parks and Susan B. Anthony through short stories. The end of the course asks learners to examine the diversity of the community they live in. They will be asked to recognize the different types of people around them. Students should gain an appreciation for the differences around them and how having respect for others and being honest will contribute to society as a whole. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

Major Concepts:

Understanding Important Economic Fundamentals
Understanding of Human and Capitol Resources
The Exchange of Money and Coins
Scarcity and Limited Resources
Admirable Qualities
Admirable Individuals in History and the Community

Grade 3

Elem. Health 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health 2-3 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, disease prevention, conflict resolution, basic anatomy and physiology, and the values of respect and cooperation.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

Health Communication

Social Health

Mental Health

Injury Prevention

Semester B

Nutrition and Fitness

The Body

Disease and Drugs

Consumer and Environmental Health

Elem. Language Arts 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Novels (chosen by student with teacher input and approval)

Description: Semester A

This Third Grade Language Arts course will teach students to reading comprehension skill and strategies to help them become stronger readers. Students will also master weekly spelling and vocabulary words and grammar concepts that will help them become stronger writers. All Common Core Third Grade LA standards are met in this course.

Weekly Themes include:

My Adventures

Space Adventures
Ocean Adventures
Fables
Myths
Why Tales
Solving Problems
Asking Questions
Inventions
Pond Animals
Animal Friends
Night Animals
Rural vs. City
Jobs in the Community
Community Leaders
The Presidency
Winter Holidays Around the World
Time and New Years

Semester B

Weekly Themes include:

Growing Up
Good Deeds
Making Mistakes
Weather Patterns
Natural Disasters
Glaciers
Vacation Days
Rainy Days
Lazy Days
Artists
Musicians
Athletes
Rolling Objects
Electricity
Attraction
Immigration
Voting
Freedom

Elem. Math 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

During the first semester, students will build flexibility with numbers as they master addition and subtraction facts as well as multiplication and division facts. Students will understand relationships between addition and subtraction, multiplication and addition and multiplication and division as they learn to borrow, carry, and regroup in order to find sums and differences of two whole numbers up to 10,000. Students will also comprehend the place value of base ten numbers up to 1,000,000 in order to find patterns and make estimations. Lastly, they will implement a 4-step approach to solving problems and express numbers differently including translating them into Roman Numerals or expressing them as ordinal numbers.

Major Concepts:

Estimation

Properties of Multiplication

Multiplication and Division within 100

Place Value to Compute Multi-Digits

Word Problems

Semester B

During the second semester, students will explore concepts of measurement including linear measurement, weight, volume, temperature, and time. They will also recognize, compare, and convert fractions. Students will write amounts of money and make change using as few coins as possible. Lastly, students will examine lines, polygons, and solid figures as they are introduced to basic concepts of geometry.

Major Concepts:

Fractions: Equivalency

Fractions: Relative Size

Fractions: Placement on Number Line

Measurement

Area

Perimeter

Mass

Liquid Volume

Elem. P.E. 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary PE 2-3 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

Your Fitness

Safety

Healthy Choices
Skill and Health

Semester B
Principles of Fitness
Game Play
Nutrition
Your Body

Elem. Science 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic Kitchen Lab Supplies

Description: Semester A

Third grade science introduces students to experimentation as they journey through the earth and its many miracles. They will begin by learning about the earth, the sun and the moon. By participating in simple experiments students will explore the water cycle, gravity, the weather and its patterns, various types of terrain, and the role of plants in the production of oxygen and their importance to human survival. Learners will expand their knowledge through video, pictures, short readings, projects, and hands on experiments. Learners will understand that experiments require the use of instruments, observation, recording, and drawing evidence based conclusions. Grade 3 science provides students with the opportunity to expand their minds and see for themselves the way that science is a part of their everyday lives.

Major Concepts:

Earth and Sun
Phases of the moon
Gravity
Weather and weather patterns
Extreme weather
Five global climate seasons
Various types of terrain
Trees and their usefulness to humankind

Semester B

Semester B of third grade science begins with the students writing a poem about the seasonal cycles. The learners continue with root formation, the interdependence of plants and humans, biomes of land and sea, extreme weather, rocks, vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as extinction. All of these lessons are taught using video, projects, and experimentation. Semester B asks learners to look a bit deeper into things they encounter such as the ocean and weather.

Major Concepts:

Plant absorption of water
Photosynthesis
Characteristics of biomes

Characteristics of all kind of rocks including caves
Distinguishing vertebrates from invertebrates
Plants and animals that have become extinct

Elem. Social Studies 3 A / 3 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

In third grade, social studies students will begin to explore the basic fundamentals of social studies including geography, civics, and economics. Learners will begin by looking at the beginning of civilization and examining the ancient Hebrew civilization, the Phoenicians, and the Kush tribe of ancient Africa. They will then move on to examining the Native American tribes of the Cherokee, Sioux, and Hopi. Students will also look at the first explorers of the Americas and learn about the beginning of the United States. In the first semester students will learn important geographical factors in the ancient civilizations, Native American tribes and in the developing United States. Students will increase their skills by creating maps and looking at the landscapes. They will take a close look at their own personal heritage by mapping their ancestry. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

Major Concepts:

Importance of Native American tribes
Importance of exploration in relation to the US
Geography and map making skills
Identifying important land features

Semester B

The second semester begins with introducing learners to economics and the role that money plays in every civilization. Students learn the difference between natural, human, and capital resources. They also examine the production of goods, trade, specialization, and interdependence, and come to understand the importance that each individual plays in a society's economy. Learners are introduced to Civics by discussing the governmental structure of the Ancient Hebrews and Phoenicians. The purpose and importance of laws and how they are enacted as well as the establishment of government are shown through stories of the Ancient Phoenicians and Native Americans. The course ends by discussing the purpose and nature of government as it relates to the United States.

Major Concepts:

Understanding important economic fundamentals
Specialization and interdependence
Production of goods and importance of trade
Development of government and laws
Important documents that shaped the United States
Principles of a republican government

Grade 4

Elem. Health 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health 4-5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, reducing illness, avoiding bullying, nutrition, healthy friendships, emergency situations, and the human body. Fourth grade will study the functioning systems of the body. Fifth grade will be covering the reproductive system, puberty and STDs.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

What is Health

Social Health

Personal Health

Nutrition

Semester B

Influences on Health

Safety and Emergencies

Avoiding Bullying

The Human Body

Elem. Language Arts 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Novels (chosen by student with teacher input and approval)

Description: Semester A

The 4th grade Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of vocabulary and grammar in a way that engages today's learners and supports them in building a broad and diverse set of literacy skills. Students study classic literature as well as more contemporary forms, including media and multimedia products. Writing assignments in semester A focus on narrative and persuasive modes and emphasize the use of reasoning and details to support opinions. Each writing assignment spans several lessons and guides students through a writing process that begins with prewriting and ends by emphasizing one or more aspects of conventions of standard written English. Students also learn how to participate in collaborative discussion and peer review sessions. In each lesson, engaging and relevant models and step-by-step instruction guide students toward mastery and appreciation of 21st century communication in all its forms and functions.

Major Concepts:

Foundational skills for reading and writing

Literary elements and devices

Fluency in reading and writing
Collaborative discussions
Peer review process and strategies
Forms of fiction
Comparing literature

Semester B

Like semester A, semester B provides an integrated curriculum. Whereas the first semester focuses on skills needed to read fiction and other literary prose, semester B teaches specific skills for reading poetry, drama, informational text. In the second semester of the course, students learn how informational text differs from literary text and how different forms of information text differ from each other. Writing assignments emphasize expository writing and guide students through research projects. Near the end of the semester, students learn how to present information orally and using multimedia.

Major Concepts:

Elements of poetry and drama
Reading strategies for informational text
Text structures
Research stages and strategies
Analyzing and evaluating information
Writing research reports
Media literacy
Oral and multimedia presentations
English language conventions

Elem. Math 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

Grade 4 math uses a varied amount of instructional material to reinforce and teach new math skills to the 4th grade learners. Instruction includes creative videos, mathematical storytelling, practical math applications and repetition to reinforce skills throughout the course. Three areas are focused on and students will finish the course with a strong knowledge in these content areas. The first is developing an understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication, and developing the understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends. The second is developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions with whole numbers. The third will be addressed in semester B.

Major Concepts:

Multiplication
Prime and composite numbers
Patterns
Place Value
Number Forms

Division
Comparisons and estimation
Fluency in addition and subtraction
Fractions (addition, subtraction, and division)

Semester B

Semester B of grade 4 math has learners continuing to work with fractions. They will learn to multiply fractions and convert them to decimals. Students will also begin to learn to equivalent measurements of length, weight, mass, and capacity. They will also learn helpful skills in understanding time, distance, and money. Students will develop an understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, particular angle measures, and symmetry. Lessons on rectangles, line plots, angles, figure drawing, polygons, and symmetry will be taught. Semester B continues to use varied forms of instruction that allow students to learn these skills in a practical manner.

Major Concepts:

Fraction multiplication
Fractions to decimals
Length
Measuring weight, mass, and capacity
Time, distance, and money
Rectangles
Line plots
Angles
Polygons
Symmetry

Elem. P.E. 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary PE 4-5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

Major Concepts:

Semester A
Course Introduction
Safety
Improving Fitness
Physical Health

Semester B

Being Healthy
Game Play
Nutrition
Sportsmanship

Elem. Science 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic Kitchen Lab Supplies

Description: Semester A

Grade 4 Science includes the three main domains of science which are physical, life, and earth and space science. Learners will use various kinds of experimenting, including field studies, systematic observations, models, and controlled experiences. The course begins with the explanation of the scientific method which the students continue to use and build upon throughout the course. The big picture of the earth is examined as students review the life on planet earth, salt and fresh water, and fast and slow changes that occur on the planet. Students go beyond planet earth, though, as they study galaxies, the solar system and other planets. Students examine the ways that forces and motion can be measured and the concept that a single kind of matter can exist as a solid, liquid or gas. Grade 4 science uses many modes of instruction including video presentations, enrichment activities, and hands-on experimentation.

Major Concepts:

The Scientific Method

Planet Earth

The Atmosphere and Air

The Weather

Galaxies and Stars

The Solar System and Planets

Measurements and Instruments

Matter

Forces of Motion

Semester B

Semester B of Grade 4 Science focuses on the relationship between heat, light, sound, and electrical energy and the way they can be transferred between each other. Learners distinguish between natural objects and objects made by humans as they examine technology and the role it plays in science. Students also look at life cycles of animals, plants, and humans and how they interact with each other. The course ends by looking at the ways that humans interact with the environment. Students will use research skills, watch videos, and get their hands dirty as they complete projects that require them to dig through dirt and trash in order to learn broader lessons that have to do with helping the environment.

Major Concepts:

Sound and Light

Heat and Temperature

Electricity and Magnetism

Science and Technology

Characteristics of Life
Animals and Plants
The Human Body
Biodiversity and Extinction
Humans Interaction with the Environment

Elem. Social Studies 4 A / 4 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

In grade 4 Social Studies learners will use their understanding of social studies skills to explore their local states and communities. They will begin the course by learning the topography of their particular area. Students will do this by creating a detailed landscape model. This project will be hands-on and require students to do research of their communities. Learners will also research local animals and gain an understanding of local Native American ground in their part of the country. This course walks students through the research and report writing steps that will be vital to their continuation of social studies. They will continue to focus on their individual states as they do projects based on local geography, state capitols, as well as nearby natural wonders and landforms. The semester concludes with an introduction to Colonial history. The course uses video, enrichment activities, and project-based learning to enhance the student's social studies skills.

Major Concepts:

Topography
Geography
Native Americans
Research Skills
State history/geography
Colonial History

Semester B

Semester B of grade 4 Social Studies picks up where semester A left off by looking further into frontier life of the early American settlers. Students examine the difficulties that early settlers faced when reaching America. They apply knowledge of historical thinking, chronology, turning points, individuals, and themes of local and United States history in order to understand how history has shaped the present and will shape the future. They will continue the focus of local history by doing research projects on settlers from their particular states and on how their state became a part of the Union. The transition from the pony express to the transcontinental railroad is a major theme that shows how quickly the United States developed. Students end by creating a time capsule that demonstrates what was important to early settlers from their particular states.

Major Concepts:

Frontier life
Early settlers from particular areas
Research skills

Culture of Colonial settlers
Native Americans and Colonial settlers
The California Gold Rush
The evolution of transportation
The road to statehood

Grade 5

Elem. Health 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary Health 4-5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, reducing illness, avoiding bullying, nutrition, healthy friendships, emergency situations, and the human body. Fourth grade will study the functioning systems of the body. Fifth grade will be covering the reproductive system, puberty and STDs.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

What is Health

Social Health

Personal Health

Nutrition

Semester B

Influences on Health

Safety and Emergencies

Avoiding Bullying

The Human Body

Elem. Language Arts 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Novels (chosen by student with teacher input and approval)

Description: Semester A

The 5th grade Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of vocabulary and grammar in a way that engages today's learners and supports them in building a broad and diverse set of literacy skills. Students study classic literature as well as more contemporary forms, including media and multimedia products. Writing assignments in semester A focus on narrative and persuasive modes and emphasize the use of reasoning and details to support opinions. Each writing assignment spans several lessons and guides students through a writing process that begins with

prewriting and ends by emphasizing one or more aspects of conventions of standard written English. Students also learn how to participate in collaborative discussion and peer review sessions. In each lesson, engaging and relevant models and step-by-step instruction guide students toward mastery and appreciation of 21st century communication in all its forms and functions.

Major Concepts:

- Foundational skills for reading and writing
- Literary elements and devices
- Literary forms, including poetry and drama
- Fluency in reading and writing
- Collaborative discussions
- English language conventions
- Classic literature

Semester B

Like semester A, semester B provides an integrated curriculum. Whereas the first semester focuses on skills needed to literary text, semester B focuses on skills for reading and analyzing informational text. In the second semester of the course, students learn how informational text differs from literary text and how different forms of information text differ from each other. Writing assignments emphasize expository writing and guide students through research projects. Near the end of the semester, students learn how to present information orally and using multimedia.

Major Concepts:

- Strategies for reading informational text
- Informational text structures
- Research stages and strategies
- Analyzing and evaluating information
- Writing research reports
- Media literacy
- Oral and multimedia presentations
- Peer review process and strategies
- English language conventions

Elem. Math 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Semester A

Students will learn math topics outlined in this course drawing from a variety of sources, including hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and practical math applications. Students will focus on several critical areas including but not limited to developing fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions. They will also learn to extend division to 2-digit divisors, integrate decimal fractions into the place value system, and increase an understanding of operations with decimals to hundredths. They will develop a fluency with whole numbers and decimal operations. The semester begins with operations and expressions, moves into decimals and money, and ends with more work on fractions. Learners will gain

valuable skills as they carry out activities that model real life situations like grocery shopping throughout the semester.

Major Concepts:

Operations and Expressions

Patterns and Graphs

Place Values

Powers of Ten

Decimals

Fractions

Semester B

Semester B begins with students continuing to work with fractions. The first lesson focuses on ratios and challenges students to solve word problems using fractions and ratios in practical life situations. Learners continue to strengthen their math skills by studying mixed and fraction products, and fraction application, models, and division. The third critical area that students will focus on in Grade 5 Math is volume. Students will receive lessons in measurement of length, weight, and volume. They will end the course with a focus on geometry. Varied types of instruction are used to enhance their learning, including video and real life applications, activities, and creative projects.

Major Concepts:

Ratios

Fractions

Formulas

Measurement Conversions

Length, weight, and volume

Geometry

Elem. P.E. 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: Elementary PE 4-5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

Major Concepts:

Semester A

Course Introduction

Safety

Improving Fitness

Physical Health

Semester B
Being Healthy
Game Play
Nutrition
Sportsmanship

Elem. Science 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Basic Kitchen Lab Supplies

Description: Semester A

Grade 5 Science continues to build on the science skills that have been obtained in years previous. There will be an emphasis on earth and space science, life science, and physical science. Students will begin the course by focusing on earth and space science by looking at the solar system and planets. Students will come to an understanding of the concept of the earth as a sphere and the earth's place in the solar system. The course continues with a focus on physical science and the different tools that can measure force, time, and distance. They will also grow in their understanding of how light and sound travel and interact with each other as well as the different types of energy. The semester concludes with a look into life science and the ways that organisms are interconnected. Instruction will include real life application, hands-on projects and assessments, and video and short research projects.

Major Concepts:

Scientific Inquiry:

Ability and understanding of scientific inquiry

Physical Science:

Forces and Movement

Lights and Sound

Light, heat, electricity, and magnetism

Life Science:

Energy and Food Chains

Producers and Consumers

Earth and Space Science:

The Earth

Objects in the sky

Changes in earth and sky

The solar system

The Stars and Sun

Science and Technology:

Natural objects vs. objects made by humans

Understanding about science and technology

Semester B

Semester B puts great emphasis on life science and begins by focusing on the many ecosystems of the earth and the way that all parts of ecosystems depend on each other. Students will learn the different types of ecosystems that exist. They will learn that ecosystems change and how the changes affect their ability

to support their populations. Learners will examine plants; that they have different structures and how those structures allow them to respond to different needs. Students will also grow in their understanding of the importance of good nutrition to all living organisms. The course concludes with a look into the scientific process and the importance of investigations and conclusions in the study of science. Instruction will include real life application, hands-on projects and assessments, and video and short research projects.

Major Concepts:

Scientific Inquiry:

Ability and Understanding of Scientific Inquiry

Life Science:

Ecosystems

Plants: Stems and Transportation

Plants: Photosynthesis

Plants: Reproduction

Nutrition

Cell Division

Science and Technology

Natural Objects vs. Objects Made by Humans

Understanding Science and Technology

Elem. Social Studies 5 A / 5 B

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Materials: Novels (chosen by student with teacher input and approval)

Description: Semester A

Grade 5 Social Studies combines the study of United States History through the Civil War with a geographical exploration of the United States and what it has to offer. Students will use their understanding of social studies skills and concepts as they study the development of the United States. The first semester begins with early settlements of North America and allows learners to take an in-depth look into what life was like for colonists and Native Americans. Students will come to understand the causes of the Revolutionary War and the people that played a significant role in it. The semester ends with students examining the new nation and what life was like for European immigrants and those on the frontier. Students will learn through the use of video, journaling, and varied types of creative instruction.

Major Concepts:

American History:

*Chronology

*Settlement and Growth

People in Societies:

*Cultures

*Native American Interaction

North American Geography:

*Location

*Places and Regions

*Human Environmental Interaction

Economics:

- *Scarcity and Resource Allocation
- *Production, Distribution and Consumption
- *Markets

United States Government:

- *Role of Government
- *Rules and Laws

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities:

- *Participation
- *Rights and Responsibilities

Social Studies Skills and Methods:

- *Obtaining Information
- *Thinking and Organizing
- *Communicating Information
- *Problem Solving

Semester B

Semester B begins with an exploration of the west and what life was like for those looking to find gold. Learners will then look at slavery and what led to the Civil War. The course then takes a departure from American history and takes a more in-depth look into cultures, people, and the geography of the United States from past to present. Learners will have the opportunity to explore the country region by region and come to appreciate all that it has to offer. Students will conclude the course by planning and describing a trip they would like to take to a particular place within the 50 United States. Students will take a hands-on approach as they get to know the geography, climate and culture of their country. Video, creative projects involving technology, journaling, and varied assessments will be used throughout the course.

Major Concepts:

American History:

- *Western Frontier
- *The Underground Railroad

Sociology:

- *Women in the U.S.
- *Diverse culture in the US

Economics:

- *Planning your Trip

Geography:

- *Climate
- *Regions of the United States

Civics:

- *Local government

Elective Fine Arts

Elem. Art Development Level 1

Course Length: One Semester

Required Materials: Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: The importance of fine arts is a benefit, not just to the older student and population, but is a necessary area of development for the young student who will benefit with it in all areas of education. Art provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop what they already know as a source of knowledge and creativity. It is important for the student to make a connection between the verbal and visual; logic and emotions; imagination and reality. Art offers the student an opportunity to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color. The fine art program promotes self-esteem and self-awareness as it enhances personal fulfillment. Children have a wonderful imagination that, if encouraged, will be needed though out their life. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. Again, this is a necessity in lifetime experiences. The student will see the artistic expressions and inventions from cultures around the world that are part of the history of mankind and development. Modern media provides many opportunities to the student. However, the student has the benefit to experience it more closely in art classes. Repetition, important for young children, is evident in these lessons. Repetition is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums. Home, family and friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will begin with their personal world as they think they know it, and discover so much more about it. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them, and eventually their journey will grow from there. Each student is an individual with unique ideas and talents. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which we live.

Major Concepts:

Cooperation

Self-expression

Promotes greater awareness of details

Promote development of fine motor skills

Colors

Lines

Shapes

Symmetry/mirror painting

Printmaking

Elem. Art Development Level 2

Course Length: One Semester

Required Materials: Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: The importance of fine arts is a benefit, not just to the older student and population, but is a necessary area of development for the young student who will benefit with it in all areas of education. Art

provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop what they already know as a source of knowledge and creativity.

It is important for the student to make a connection between the verbal and visual; logic and emotions; imagination and reality. Art offers the student an opportunity to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color. The fine art program promotes self-esteem and self-awareness as it enhances personal fulfillment. Children have a wonderful imagination that, if encouraged, will be needed throughout their life. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. Again, this is a necessity in lifetime experiences.

The student will see the artistic expressions and inventions from cultures around the world that are part of the history of mankind and development. Modern media provides many opportunities to the student.

However, the student has the benefit to experience it more closely in art classes.

Repetition, important for young children, is evident in these lessons. Repetition is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums.

Home, family and friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will begin with their personal world as they think they know it, and discover so much more about it. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them, and eventually their journey will grow from there. Each student is an individual with unique ideas and talents. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which we live.

Major Concepts:

Cooperation

Self-expression

Promotes greater awareness of details

Promote development of fine motor skills

Colors

Lines for texturing and action

Shapes

Symmetry/mirror painting

Printmaking

Create artwork using various mediums

Mixing mediums for artwork

Elem. Art Development Level 3

Course Length: One Semester

Required Materials: Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: The Art program provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop their personal source of knowledge and creativity. Art offers the student the opportunity to experience a connection between the verbal and visual; logic and emotions; imagination and reality. The student is guided and encouraged to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color while promoting self-esteem and self-awareness in personal fulfillment. The imagination in children is encouraged in art. However, it will assist them in their other studies as well. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. The

student is introduced to some of the artistic expressions and techniques from cultures around the world. Modern technology provides opportunities for the student to observe this history. The art student will use some of these elements themselves in their own artwork. Repetition, important for children, is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums. Home, family, traditions, friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will explore what they know of their world. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them where their journey is just beginning. As an individual each student is gifted with unique talents and ideas. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which they live.

Major Concepts:

Increase self-confidence

Develop awareness of cooperation

Enhance the use of imagination

Elements of Color

Various art forms

Attention to detailing

Feeling materials to make art

Combining art forms

Discovering effects of light

Elem. Art Development Level 4

Course Length: One Semester

Required Materials: Basic Art and Crafting Supplies

Description: The Art program provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop their personal source of knowledge and creativity. Art offers the student the opportunity to experience a connection between the verbal and visual; logic and emotions; imagination and reality. The student is guided and encouraged to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color while promoting self-esteem and self-awareness in personal fulfillment. The imagination in children is encouraged in art. However, it will assist them in their other studies as well. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. The student is introduced to some of the artistic expressions and techniques from cultures around the world. Modern technology provides opportunities for the student to observe this history. The art student will use some of these elements themselves in their own artwork. Repetition, important for children, is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums. Home, family, traditions, friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will explore what they know of their world. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them where their journey is just beginning. As an individual each student is gifted with unique talents and ideas. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which they live.

Major Concepts:

Review of art basics

Learn the importance of composition and rhythm in artwork

Learn and experience the influences of other cultures and master artists

Use self-expression through ideas and personal experiences
Experience self-discovery by using various art forms
Increases self-confidence

Elem. Recorders Level 1

Course Length: One Semester
Required Materials: Recorder

Description: This course combines music and performing arts. Students will experience and learn new songs and perform them using their bodies. In addition, the student will begin learning how to play the recorder.

Major Concepts:

Sing songs from the songbook

Act out small dramas using Fingerplays

Play the following notes B, A, and G

Progress through the Beginning Recorder Book practicing songs until able to play fluidly

Elective World Languages

Elem. Chinese 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters
Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: This introductory Chinese course provides a fun, interactive experience for a student's first exposure to the Chinese language. The content for each unit is based on an authentic story, myth or legend from Chinese culture. Although the course focuses principally on vocabulary acquisition, basic grammar principles are intuitively grasped through the story, games, activities, and assessments. In addition, students learn to perform simple tasks in connection with each unit's theme. Students engage in language learning in a rewarding, low-stress environment; get comfortable with the sounds and rhythms of Chinese; learn simple Chinese characters; begin to read, write, speak and listen for meaning in Chinese; and recognize distinctive practices and products of the Chinese culture.

Main Topics:

Engage in language learning

Understand and produce common vocabulary terms and phrases

Interpret meaning from authentic Chinese fables and stories

Compare cultural practices and perspectives of China and Chinese-speaking communities

Regularly assess progress through quizzes and speaking submissions

Elem. Spanish 1 A / 1 B

Course Length: Two Semesters
Required Materials: Basic School Supplies

Description: This introductory Spanish course provides a fun, interactive experience for a student's first exposure to the Spanish language. The content for each unit is based on an authentic story, myth or legend from various Spanish-speaking cultures. Although the course focuses principally on vocabulary acquisition, basic grammar principles are intuitively grasped through the story, games, activities, songs, and assessments. In addition, students learn to perform simple tasks in connection with each unit's theme. Students engage in language learning in a rewarding, low-stress environment; get comfortable with the sounds and rhythms of Spanish; learn simple Spanish phrases; begin to read, write, speak and listen for meaning in Spanish; and recognize distinctive practices and products of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Main Topics:

Engage in language learning in a rewarding, low-stress environment

Get comfortable with the sounds and rhythms of Spanish

Comprehend more than 600 vocabulary words

Begin to read, write, speak and listen for meaning in Spanish

Give simple performances (e.g. songs, stories, etc.) in Spanish

Recognize distinctive practices and products of various Spanish-speaking countries