

# GIANT STEP LEARNING CENTER

## KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

Our curriculum presents a spectrum of skills and concepts, which ensures that our students master a solid foundation of basic skills. Giant Step Learning Center's intimate setting provides areas for students to grow mentally, physically and socially.

We have outlined some of the key areas that our Kindergarten classroom focuses on.

### Language Arts

#### Phonemic Awareness

- Identify beginning and ending sounds in one syllable spoken words
- Identify words that rhyme, and produce rhyming words
- Begin to blend and segment sounds

#### Phonics

- Produce the sound for consonant letters
- Produce the sound for short vowel letters
- Read simple one-syllable and high frequency words

#### Comprehension

- Retell a story that is read to him/her
- Recall characters, settings and events in a story read to him/her

### Writing

#### Application

- Write first and last name using initial capital letters
- Write words and brief sentences

#### Grammar, Punctuation and Capitalization

- Recognize that a sentence ends with a punctuation mark
- Begin to capitalize the beginning of sentences, proper nouns and personal pronoun "I"
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#### Spelling

- Begin to use early phonetic knowledge to spell words
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#### Penmanship

- Write upper and lower-case letters with correct form
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#### Listening and Speaking

- Listen attentively and respond to oral communication
- Follow one and two step oral directions
- Speak in clear, coherent, complete sentences.

### Mathematics

#### Number Sense

- Understand simple addition and subtraction
- Count to 110
- Identify, sort and classify objects by attribute
- Identify the different geometric shapes

- Understand concept of time and units to measure it (e.g., morning, afternoon, today)

### Reasoning

- Solve problems in logical ways and explain reasoning
- Make decisions about how to solve a problem

## Social Science

### History

- Compare and contrast ways people lived in earlier days and how their lives would be different today
- Identify symbols and figures of importance (Flag, Statue of Liberty etc.)

### Learning and Working Together

- Identify specific jobs performed in school and in community
- Demonstrate ability to work and interact with others

### Geography

- Distinguish between land and water on maps and globes

### Science

- Observe, measure and predict properties of materials
- Observe, describe and compare objects and their physical properties (size, color etc)
- Ask meaningful questions and perform investigations
- Observe common objects using the five senses

## Health

### Mental/Emotional/ Social Health

- Describe how people are unique
- Define and identify ways to express feelings in a healthy manner

### Physical Growth and Development/Nutrition/Physical Fitness

- Describe changes in body height and weight that occur with growth
- Name food groups and identify foods in each group
- Define exercise and tell why it is important

### Movement Skills

- Demonstrate the ability to throw, catch, roll objects, jump, hop and skip.
- Learning how to balance

### Social Development

- Explain why rules are necessary
- Promote Prosocial behavior (taking care of others, being considerate etc.)

### Visual and Performing Arts

- Use lines, shapes and colors to make patterns
- Encourage students to talk about their own art work
- Sing age appropriate songs from memory
- Use music and dance together

With our curriculum and our loving and nurturing teachers, we aim to fully prepare your child for first grade. Knowing that every child grows and develops individually, we take into consideration each child's unique learning style while teaching the various subjects.