



# Curriculum Overview PRESCHOOL 2015/2016 - Cycle 2

*Japhet School's mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program.*

Month Theme Author Color Shape	Character Quality	Pre-reading & Pre-writing	Math	Social Studies	Science
		<i>Skills worked on throughout the year</i>			
<b>September</b> All About Me & My Senses Rosemary Wells Yellow Circle	Initiative	Verbal communication - telling and listening to stories Word Wizard and Letter Detective	Number recognition & counting Days of the week 1-to-1 counting	Peaceful conflict resolution – The Golden Rule, sharing, & using words	Awareness of body parts and the five senses
<b>October</b> Apples Arnold Lobel Red Triangle	Courage	Following directions – listening to each other – peaceful conflict resolution Round-robin stories	Making apple recipes, measuring & mixing ingred. Sets, graphs	Field trip to apple orchard/pumpkin patch	Nature walks – experiments “What would happen if?” Float and sink
<b>November</b> Bears David McPhail Orange Square	Gratitude	Making books – left-to- right activities – art activities that foster loving books	Art projects in which analytical decisions are made Math Week	Creative movement, literature & songs	Inventing stories & games
<b>December</b> Holiday Cheer Maurice Sendak Blue Star	Obedience	Seeing and talking about words & letters – play dough, threading beads, puzzles, & blocks	Sorting, patterning, arranging and building w/blocks Months of the yr.	December musical concert	Snow play and experiments with ice
<b>January</b> Ocean An Ocean of Authors White Rectangle	Punctuality	Listening to stories & audio books	Spacial concepts	Appreciation of ocean environment Visit fish aquarium or store with salt-water creatures	Scientific reasoning, drawing conclusions
<b>February</b> Ocean Eric Carle Pink Heart	Justice	Creating auditory, tactile and visual memory skills – listening to English and foreign languages	Developing number concepts & relationships Symmetry	Visit high school to see ocean mural of local artist	Cause and effect relationships – sequencing, patterns, logical thought
<b>March</b> Lakes and Ponds Jim Amosky Green Oval	Respect For Self	Finger play – understanding inflection, expanding vocabulary, story web	Concept of more than & less than – comparisons Units of measurement	Appreciation of lakes and ponds	Awareness of personal and environmental space
<b>April</b> Farm Ruth Brown Purple Diamond	Respect For Others	Buttoning, pouring, lacing, crayons, marker, sequencing	Following directions & logical steps in problem solving Estimation	Developing self confidence, self-control & respect for others	Observing, predicting, testing & drawing conclusions
<b>May/June</b> Farm Ezra Jack Keats Pastels Shape discovery	Self-control	Relationship of letter symbols to meaning – questions & answers	Relationships of symbols to numbers 3-dimensional shapes	Spring Sharing Integration	Collecting objects, seeing relationships

Preschool at Japhet is a play-based program that develops the whole child - mentally, morally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. Integrated with the topics above are special classes: Music, Spanish, and Library.

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