



Curriculum Overview PRESCHOOL 2017/2018 - 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 |
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| | | | <i>Our Alphabet Book and many of the following skills will be worked on throughout the year:</i> | | | |
| September All About Me & My Senses Rosemary Wells Yellow Circle | Initiative | "All About Me" bag throughout the year for students to share. | 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 Popcorn - senses |
| October Apples Arnold Lobel Red Triangle Feelings | 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 Orange leaf people Leaves |
| November Bears David McPhail Orange Square Friendship Hygiene | 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 Community helpers | Inventing stories & games Bacteria science with glitter |
| December Maurice Sendak Blue Star Snow Ice | Obedience | | Seeing and talking about words & letters – play dough, threading beads, puzzles, & blocks, ice cream play (pretend) | Sorting, patterning, arranging and building w/blocks Months of the yr. Snowman counting | December musical concert | Snow play and experiments with ice |
| January 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 Oil/water Baking soda/vinegar |
| February Rainforest 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 Force/motion |
| March Reading Month Lakes and Ponds Jim Arnosky 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 story web | Awareness of personal and environmental space |
| April Weather 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 Weather science |
| May/June Farm Flowers Insects Ezra Jack Keats Pastels Shape discovery | Self-control | | Relationship of letter symbols to meaning – questions & answers | Relationships of symbols to numbers 3-dimensional shapes Shape pizza | Spring Sharing Integration Shape hunt | 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. *Updated September 2017*