



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
			<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*