



# Curriculum Overview

## PRESCHOOL

### 2023-2024 - 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
<b>September</b> All About Me & My Senses Rosemary Wells Yellow - Circle	<b>Initiative</b>	Verbal communication - telling and listening to stories	Number recognition & counting 1-to-1 counting	Peaceful conflict resolution - The Golden Rule, sharing, & using words	Awareness of body parts and the five senses Popcorn - senses
<b>October</b> Apples Todd Parr Red - Triangle Feeling/Emotions	<b>Courage</b>	Following directions - listening to each other - peaceful conflict resolution Round-robin stories	Making apple recipes, measuring & mixing ingredients Sets, graphs	Field trip to apple orchard/pumpkin patch	Nature walks - experiments "What would happen if?" Float and sink Orange leaf people Leaves
<b>November</b> Bears Orange - Square Friendship Hygiene	<b>Gratitude</b>	Making books - left-to-right activities - art activities that foster loving books Going on a Bear Hunt	Math Week Counting by 2's Patterning	Creative movement, literature & songs Community Helpers Field trip to fire station	Inventing stories & games Bacteria science with glitter Cranberry sauce
<b>December</b> Maurice Sendak Blue - Star Snow Ice	<b>Obedience</b>	Seeing and talking about words & letters- play dough, threading beads, puzzles, & blocks, ice cream play (pretend)	Sorting, arranging and building w/blocks Months of the year Snowman counting	December musical concert	Snow play and experiments with ice
<b>January</b> Ocean An Ocean of Authors White - Rectangle	<b>Punctuality</b>	Listening to stories & audio books	Spatial concepts	Appreciation of ocean environment Visit fish aquarium or store with salt-water creatures 5-Ocean song	Scientific reasoning, drawing conclusions Oil/water Baking soda/vinegar
<b>February</b> Rainforest Eric Carle Pink - Heart	<b>Justice</b>	Creating auditory, tactile and visual memory skills - listening to English and foreign languages	Developing number concepts & relationship Symmetry	Visit high school to see ocean mural of local artist	Cause and effect relationships - sequencing, patterns, logical thought Force/motion
<b>March</b> Reading Month Lakes and Ponds Jim Arnosky Green - Oval	<b>Respect for Self</b>	Finger play - understanding inflection, expanding vocabulary, story web Reading and Visitors	Concept of more than & less than - comparisons Units of measurement	Appreciation of lakes and ponds	Awareness of personal and environmental space
<b>April</b> Weather Farm Ruth Brown Purple - Diamond	<b>Respect for Others</b>	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
<b>May/June</b> Farm Flowers/Insects (butterflies) Ezra Jack Keats Pastels Shape discovery	<b>Self-Control</b>	Relationship of letter symbols to meaning - questions & answers	Relationships of symbols to numbers 3-dimensional shapes Shape pizza	Spring Sharing Integration Shape hunt Butterfly life cycle	Collecting objects, seeing relationship  Updated September 2023

\*Alphabet letter bag throughout the year for students to share. Our Alphabet Book, sign language, colors, and many of the following skills will be worked on throughout the year. Preschool at Japhet School 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, Library, and P.E.