



Curriculum Overview

PRESCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

2024-2025 — Cycle 1

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
Skills worked on throughout the year					
September All About Me & My Family Laura Numeroff Yellow Circle	Reliability	Verbal communication - telling and listening to stories and to each other Letter of the Week	Number recognition & counting to 20 One-to-one counting	Peaceful conflict resolution – The Golden Rule, sharing, & using words Participating in plays Introductions – telling about self and family	Awareness of self, family, relatives, and relationships
October Birds & Bats Mercer Mayer Orange Square	Judgment	Making books – left-to- right activities – art activities that foster loving books Understanding meaning of author/illustrator	Art projects in which analytical decisions are made Days of the Week	Nature center Start passport book	Nature walks – experiments “What would happen if?” comparing and contrasting
November Harvest Time Norman Bridwell Brown Triangle	Patriotism	Following directions – listening to each other – peaceful conflict resolution	Math Week Sorting, patterning, arranging and building with blocks	Weather 7 Continents	Awareness of personal and environmental space Color mixing Cooking & baking Sequencing and patterns
December Holiday Cheer Jan Brett Blue Star	Joy	Seeing and talking about words & letters – play dough, threading beads, puzzles, & blocks	Cooking with recipes, measuring & mixing ingredients	December concert expressing and giving joy	Water play, bubble play, snow play
January Penguins & Polar Bears Eric Carle White Rectangle	Industry	Listening to stories including audio books	Measuring with polar bears and penguins	Make believe play – housekeeping	Scientific reasoning, drawing conclusions, logical thought
February Nursery Rhymes Red Heart	Humility	Creating auditory, tactile and visual memory skills – listening to English and foreign languages	Developing number concepts & relationships Estimating & guessing	Rhyming and traditional stories	Size relationships, comparing and contrasting
March Dr. Seuss Green Oval	Peace	Finger play – understanding inflection, expanding vocabulary	Concept of more than & less than & same – comparisons	Social Studies Fair The study of Artic Indigenous Peoples – Transportation	Inventing stories & games Questioning & investigating
April Plants & Seeds Farm Todd Parr Purple Diamond	Thrift	Buttoning, pouring, lacing, crayons, marker, sequencing	Following directions & logical steps in problem solving	Developing self confidence, self-control & respect for others	Observing, predicting, testing & drawing conclusions
May/June Nature Variety of authors Pastels	Personal Habits	Relationship of letter symbols to meaning – questions & answers	Relationships of symbols to numbers Clocks/hours/ minutes Months/weeks/days	Love of natural environment	Collecting objects, seeing relationships

Preschool at Japhet is a play-based program that develops the whole child. Integrated with the topics above are Spanish, Music, and Library.

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