

# Starlight Montessori Preschool Calendar

## 2021-2022

Please note: Areas of study are subject to change depending on the interest of the children and classroom community. Stay informed with all events and any changes through our monthly class newsletter.

### SEPTEMBER AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: Starting school, making friends, family and building community

Art: Crayons and colors

Botany: Apples; identification of varieties, the parts of the apple

Cultural & Geography: Our universe, Earth, continents

Math: Recognizing numbers

Language: Recognizing sounds in the environment

Science: Living & Non-Living

Sensorial: Gradating from larger to smallest

Wellness & Self-Development: Feelings; How to recognize, identify and express your emotions. Beauty in our Diversity; Grace & Courtesy

Events: Parent Orientation 9/9, School Picnic 9/12, International Day of Peace 9/21

### OCTOBER AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: Harvest and the season of fall

Art: Colored pencils and shading

Botany: Pumpkins; gourds; life cycle and parts of a pumpkin

Culture & Geography: North America; Land, Air, Water, Transportation

Math: Numerals & quantity

Language: Initial Sounds

Science: Animals of North America; difference between plants and animals

Sensorial: Using comparative vocabulary to describe objects

Wellness & Self-Development: Communication and checking in: How to use our words with our friends to express feelings, resolve conflicts and acknowledge each other.

Events: Pumpkin patch trip 10/5, Fire Station visit(?),

### NOVEMBER AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: Acknowledging and being thankful for our family, friends, community, environment and world

Art: Stamping

Botany: The parts of the plant; the changing colors of the leaves

Cultural & Geography: North America continued; Landforms

Math: Grouping numerals and building teen numbers

Language: Initial sounds with letter recognition

Science: Weather; animals of North America continued; vertebrates vs. invertebrates

Sensorial: Basic geometric shapes

Wellness & Self-Development: Gratitude:How to cultivate an attitude of gratitude every day; practicing silence; collecting food for Food Bank

Events: Veteran's Day - No school on the 11th or 12th, Stone Soup Luncheon 11/19 ( half day), Diwali 11/4, Parent Conferences 11/8 and 11/9 ( no school), Thanksgiving Break 11/20-11/28

## **DECEMBER AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: The season of winter; hibernation

Art: Painting; color mixing; gradation

Botany: Botany Cabinet - various leaf shapes

Culture & Geography: Antarctica

Math: Numerals and quantity; teens, tens and hundreds

Language: Letter recognition continued; patterns-recognizing a pattern, building and completing a pattern

Science: Arctic and Antarctic animals

Sensorial: Geometric shapes continued and expanded

Wellness & Self-Development: Reflection: Introduction to Yoga and Silence

Events: Winter Program-International Pot-Luck 12/23 ( half-day), Winter Break 12/23 - 1/2

## **JANUARY AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: Community helpers and people that help our town

Art: Watercolors; changing hues

Botany: Roots; vegetables harvested during winter

Culture & Geography: Antarctica continued

Math: Beginning addition; numeral awareness

Language: Rhyming; phonetic blending

Science: Arctic and Antarctica animals continued

Sensorial: Relationships with shapes and recognizing shapes that are in our environment; Geometric Solids

Wellness & Self-Development: Kindness & Cooperation: Understanding and expressing kindness towards others; working together as a team to accomplish a common goal

Events: Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1/17 - No School

## **FEBRUARY AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: The Human Body and Five Senses

Art: Collage - gathering objects and creating something new

Botany: Stems - how they support the growth of the plant

Cultural & Geography: Asia, Lunar New Year; Introduction to timelines to tell a sequence of events

Math: Beginning subtraction lessons and numeral awareness

Language: Making words; focus on middle/ending sounds

Science: Insects; Magnetic/Non-magnetic

Sensorial: Color awareness; gradation

Wellness & Self-Development: Compassion and Friendship; Role plays, acknowledging helpful gestures and expressing our appreciation of others.

Events: Valentines Day/Lincoln's B-day 2/14 ( No School), Black History Month, Parent Night 2/8, Presidents Day 2/21 ( No School)

### **MARCH AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: The season of Spring; Gardening

Art: Sketching

Botany: Plant classification

Culture & Geography: Asia continued; Layers of the Earth

Math: Fractions & Numeral awareness

Language: Comprehension and listening skills; listening for beginning and ending sounds of words

Science: Insects continued; raising Painted Lady butterflies; Life Cycles of Animals

Sensorial: Introduction to Measurement

Wellness & Self-Development: Patience, Effort and Perseverance: How to wait calmly for someone or something; trying to put your full effort into what you do; sticking with something until completion

Events: St. Patricks Day, Persian New Year Celebration ( TBD)

### **APRIL AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: Spring, Flowers, Earth Day

Art: Recycled Art Creations from recycled materials

Botany: Flowers, varieties and parts of

Culture & Geography: South America; Introduction to the clock

Math: Introduction to multiplication and numeral awareness

Language: Phonetic spelling and creating whole words; parts of a story

Science: Birds; Importance of taking care of our planet

Sensorial: The study of a Square

Wellness & Self-Development: Initiative and Responsibility: Offering to help others; being accountable for our actions; recognizing kindness in our community;

Events: Earth Day 4/22, Father's Night 4/6, Spring Break 4/9-4/16

### **MAY/JUNE AREAS OF STUDY:**

Theme: The season of summer

Art: Clay-various techniques and making objects

Botany: Classification of plants; harvest of summer fruit/vegetables

Culture & Geography: Africa

Math: Introduction to division and numeral practice

Language: Using descriptive language; continued word development/vocabulary; poetry; telling our own stories; oral speech and memorization

Science: Mammals; science experiments

Sensorial: The study of triangles

Wellness & Self-Development: Energy and Intention: Energy in our thoughts and positive intention in all that we do in our family and community

Events: Mother's Day Tea 5/5, Parent Conferences 5/23, 24 ( No School), Memorial Day 5/30 ( No School)