

Starlight Montessori Preschool Calendar

2023-2024

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 9/6 6:30 - 8:30 pm; School Picnic 9/10 11:00 - 1:00 pm; 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 10/3

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: 11/1 Teacher Work Day - No School; 11/10 Veteran's Day - No school; Stone Soup Luncheon 11/16, 10:00 - 11:30 am (there will be an afternoon session of school); Diwali observance 11/9; 11/13 Parent Conferences all day (no school); Thanksgiving Break 11/20-11/24

DECEMBER AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: The season of winter; hibernation

Art: Painting; color mixing; gradation

Botany: Botany Cabinet - various leaf shapes

Culture & Geography: North America continued

Math: Numerals and quantity; teens, tens and hundreds

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

Science: Stages of Matter - solid, liquid, gas

Sensorial: Geometric shapes continued and expanded

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

Events: Winter Program-International Pot-Luck 12/21 10:00 - 11:30 am (half-day); Winter Break 12/22- 1/7

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

Math: Beginning addition; numeral awareness

Language: Rhyming; phonetic blending

Science: Arctic and Antarctica animals;

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 1/15 - No School; 1/16 Teacher Work Day - 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: Antarctica continued

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: 2/1 School Photos 8:30 - 10:00 am; 2/19 - 2/23 Presidents' Day, week break No School

MARCH AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: The season of Spring; Gardening

Art: Sketching

Botany: Plant classification; Leaves

Culture & Geography: South America; Layers of the Earth

Math: Fractions & Numeral awareness

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

Science: Animals of South America; 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: 3/29 - 4/7 Spring Break

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 continued; 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: Sound Cylinders; Instruments

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

Events: 4/22 Earth Day; 4/23 Dad's Night

MAY/JUNE AREAS OF STUDY:

Theme: The season of summer

Art: Clay-various techniques and making objects

Botany: Seeds; harvest of summer fruit/vegetables

Culture & Geography: South America continued

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: Smelling Bottles

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

Events: 5/9 Mother's Day Tea 9:30 - 11:30 am (Moms only); 5/13 Parent Conferences all day - No School

Last day of school: June 5th 11:00 - noon Presentations followed by end-of year picnic City Park