



Kindergarten Handout

Larkhall Academy

The focus of Kindergarten is play-based learning. Play and active involvement are fundamental to the Kindergarten program. Through the process of play, children learn to represent their real and imagined worlds using listening, speaking, reading, writing, role-playing, painting, drawing, building, measuring, estimating, and exploring.

Here is a list of the subject areas for Kindergarten and the topics covered in each subject area. Please keep in mind that a cross-curricular approach is used throughout the Kindergarten curriculum. In other words, many lessons will incorporate aspects of various subject areas.

Language Arts

- Students will be involved with many activities that help to encourage growth in both reading and writing. These activities are divided into three categories: reading, writing, and listening/speaking. These activities include the following:
 - o **Reading:** Matching sounds to letters, enjoying being read to, beginning to match words one-to-one, demonstrate directionality and building sight word vocabulary.
 - o **Writing:** Communicating through pictures and words, sequencing ideas, writing both uppercase and lowercase letters, recognizing that print holds meaning, and reading back their own writing.
 - o **Listening and Speaking:** Engaging in oral communication, learning various listening and speaking skills, communicating feelings, and following directions.

Mathematics

- A hands-on approach is used in mathematics. Children will be exposed to various types of math manipulatives and resources. Activities in mathematics will help children build their skills in many areas of mathematics, such as: numbers and number sense, patterns and relations, shape and space, and data and measurement.

Science

- Activities in science are hands-on and help to create opportunities for exploration. The children will be involved in activities that allow them to classify, observe, and make predictions. Another part of the science program is getting children to communicate their understandings and findings. Some of the topics that will be covered in science are:

observing and using things around us, soil, life cycles, living and nonliving things, plants and animals, weather, and water.

Social Studies

- These activities get children to think of themselves and the world around them. They get to see how people work together to get the things needed for everyday life. Children will also see how it is important to understand people around them.

Religion

- When participating in these activities, children will develop an understanding of themselves and others. They will get to recognize the roles that they and others play in their everyday lives. The focus of the religion program is on various celebrations throughout the world.

Health

- Activities in health will help children in understanding that everyone is special and how to look after their bodies. The theme of the program is All About Me, and the topics include: healthy body/body awareness, healthy mind and feelings, my family/friends/community, and my environment.

Art

- During the activities in art, children will create many pieces of art by using different mediums. They will use art to help express themselves and share what they have created with their classmates.

Music

- Music in the primary grades provides experiences that are meaningful and enjoyable to the child and develops a greater love for, understanding of, and sensitivity to music. Music is an essential part of the primary curriculum because it promotes growth in the areas of rhythm, melody/pitch, expression and contexts. Children will participate in various activities such as: singing, dancing, speaking, playing instruments, listening and moving.

Physical Education

- The activities in physical education will allow children to learn about movement and to develop large and small muscle control. They will also learn how to participate in different games and take turns during these games. They will develop an understanding that many games have rules and they will learn to play safely. The many areas of the physical education program include: rhythmic activities, body management and orientation, and games.