

Kindergarten Syllabus 2025–2026

COURSE OVERVIEW

Kindergarten is a foundational year that focuses on building literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills. The Texas Bluebonnet Learning Curriculum provides structured, research-based lessons in Reading/Language Arts (RLA), Foundational Skills, and Mathematics, all aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students will develop phonics, vocabulary, writing, comprehension, number sense, and problem-solving skills through daily instruction, hands-on learning, and collaborative activities.

CORE SUBJECTS

- Bluebonnet RLA:
 - Reading comprehension (listening to stories, retelling, answering questions)
 - Vocabulary development (oral language, picture cards, word walls)
- Bluebonnet Foundational Skills:
 - Phonological and phonemic awareness (recognizing sounds, rhymes, syllables)
 - Phonics and word recognition (letters, sounds, blending, decoding)
 - Print concepts (reading left to right, spaces, punctuation)
 - Early fluency with decodable readers

As phonics mastery is imperative, we also use the **Really Great Reading** phonics curriculum to give students additional practice.

- Writing:
 - Letter formation and handwriting practice
 - Sound-to-letter spelling practice
 - Drawing, labeling, writing simple sentences
 - Spelling and grammar (sight words, capitalization, punctuation)
- Mathematics:
 - Number sense (counting, comparing, composing/decomposing numbers)
 - Operations (beginning addition and subtraction within 10)

- Shapes and geometry
- Measurement
- Patterns and sequencing
- Explaining thinking with and without manipulatives

- Science*

Kindergarten science focuses on curiosity-driven exploration of the natural world, encouraging students to observe, describe, and organize information using their senses and simple tools. Topics include:

- Asking questions, organizing information, and using tools to gather data
- Comparing and classifying objects
- Forms of energy
- Observing Earth and sky
- Weather and seasonal changes
- Plant and animal needs and life cycles

- Social Studies*

Kindergarten social studies centers on introducing young learners to community, culture, history, and citizenship through exploration and social skills development. Topics include:

- Community helpers and rules
- Citizenship & cultural awareness
- Texas symbols, state and national historical figures, patriotic holidays and associated customs
- Basic geography

****Many of these TEKS are integrated with Bluebonnet RLA themes.***

- Social-Emotional Learning

We use **SecondStep** for our social-emotional learning curriculum. The themes include:

- Classroom routines and procedures
- Cooperative play and teamwork

- Emotional expression and self-regulation
- Respect for diversity and kindness

ASSESSMENT & PROGRESS MONITORING

We will complete Beginning of Year (BOY), Middle of Year (MOY), and End of Year (EOY) testing using mClass. The mCLASS assessment tests early literacy skills including:

- Phonics & phonemic awareness
- Fluency
- Vocabulary & comprehension

We will also utilize Bluebonnet-provided assessments and 6-week checks for letter sound fluency, sight word mastery and counting fluency. Progress reports will be sent home every 6 weeks and you will receive reports detailing the BOY, MOY, and EOY assessment results.

MATERIALS & RESOURCES

- Bluebonnet Teacher Guides (RLA, Foundational Skills, Math)
- Really Great Reading
- SecondStep
- Student activity booklets and decodable readers
- Manipulative kits (counters, cubes, shapes, number cards)
- Anchor charts and picture cards
- Classroom library of grade-appropriate texts

EXPECTATIONS

- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Participate in daily activities with curiosity.
- Always try your best, learn from mistakes, and celebrate progress.