



Curriculum Guide to Kindergarten



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Child Development



Kindergarten at Bader Hillel Academy...

is a joyful, nurturing year where children build a strong foundation for academic growth, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. Through hands-on exploration, play-based learning, and meaningful routines, students develop confidence, curiosity, and essential skills in a warm, supportive environment rooted in Jewish values.

Social and Emotional Development

A strong emphasis is placed on social-emotional learning as students develop independence, responsibility, and positive relationships. Children practice sharing, cooperation, problem-solving, and self-regulation through daily routines and guided interactions. Teachers intentionally create a classroom culture where every child feels safe, valued, and confident.

Kindergarten Experience

LANGUAGE ARTS

Students begin their journey as readers and writers through phonics-based instruction, shared reading, storytelling, and daily writing experiences. Children learn letter recognition, letter sounds, and early sight words while developing listening and speaking skills. Writing activities encourage creativity and self-expression, from drawing and labeling to writing simple words and sentences.

MATHEMATICS

Kindergarten math focuses on building strong number sense through hands-on activities and real-world problem solving. Students explore counting, number recognition, basic addition and subtraction, patterns, shapes, and measurement. Learning is interactive and engaging, helping children understand math as a meaningful and practical part of everyday life.

SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES

Through guided exploration and inquiry, students learn about the world around them. Science experiences include observing nature, exploring basic life and physical science concepts, and asking questions about how things work. Social studies focuses on self-awareness, family, community, and understanding how people work together, fostering responsibility and respect for others.

JUDAIC STUDIES

Judaic Studies in Kindergarten introduces students to Jewish traditions, holidays, and values in a warm and meaningful way. Children learn about Shabbat, chagim, and mitzvot through stories, songs, hands-on activities, and classroom celebrations. Emphasis is placed on kindness, gratitude, and belonging as part of the Jewish community.

HEBREW

Hebrew instruction focuses on developing familiarity with the Hebrew language through songs, movement, stories, and simple vocabulary. Students begin to recognize Hebrew letters and sounds while building a positive connection to Hebrew as a living language used in prayer, culture, and daily life.

SPECIALS

Kindergarten students enjoy a variety of enrichment classes that support creativity, physical development, and self-expression. Art, music, physical education, and library experiences are integrated into the weekly schedule, allowing children to explore new interests and talents in a fun and supportive setting.