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LITERACY

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Reading: Alphabet recognition and letter-sound correspondence, recognition of environmental print, recognizing rhyme, making inferences and predictions about books read aloud, sequencing and retelling main events of a story or book.

Writing: Names, capital letters; label and explain illustrations, begin experimenting with inventive spelling.

Speaking: Perform for each other and families through poetry, songs, movement and storytelling, show-and-tell.

Listening: Stories, conversations, group discussions, songs, rhymes, poems; understand and interpret the spoken word.

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Reading: Reading Workshop focuses on developing identities and habits of readers, foundational skills, (concepts of print, phonemic awareness, phonics), and monitoring for understanding while reading fiction and

Writing: Writing Workshop focuses on teaching that writers start with something to say and then do everything they can to put that meaning onto a page (through pictures and words). Experiences consist of shared writing, interactive writing, independent writing and letter and number formation.

developmentally appropriate topics, following agreed upon rules such as, listening to others and taking turns speaking about group's topic.

Speaking: Small and large group conversations around

Listening: Students develop and practice "whole body listening" skills (look toward the speaker, both ears ready to hear, wait for your turn to speak, quiet hands

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Reading: Consists of small and large group instruction, independent practice, student/teacher conferring, strategy groups, phonics and word study and interactive read alouds.

Units Include: Building Good Reading Habits, Fluency, Phonics and Comprehension, Reading Nonfiction.

Writing: Consists of small and large group instruction, independent practice, student/ teacher conferring, strategy groups, shared writing, handwriting, mechanics and grammar instruction.

Units include: Writing Fiction Series, Writing with Focus, Detail, and Dialogue, Nonfiction Chapter Books, Writing Reviews, Story Elements.

Speaking: Small and large group presentations, express and clarify ideas, ask questions and engage in social conversation, present at a lower school assembly.

Listening: Students develop and practice "whole body listening" skills.

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Units: Caring for me and my Community, Peace, Art and Design.

Research: Read and create books based on ongoing observations and accumulation of facts. Explore what it means to become a peacemaker. Hands-on study and exploration of various artists, architects and artistic styles and traditions.

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Units: First Six Weeks of School (including Creating Safety and Belonging, Understanding You and Me, Building a Community); Celebrating Family Traditions, Peace.

Outreach: Making decorations for Inspiration Cafe in Uptown; welcoming elders from Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly and students' families to share their stories.

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Research: Personal identity, family history.

MATHEMATICS

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Numbers and counting, shapes and patterns, sorting objects by various attributes, introduction to number stories, charts and measuring tools. Mathematical concepts and understanding will be explored through intentional hands-on experiences.

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Sort, compare, and order sets; quantify and number sets up to 100, with a particular emphasis on 10 (compose/ decompose); see/tell number stories and create/solve early operation problems; identify, extend, create and name patterns; explore and compare shapes and their attributes; measure and compare objects using non-standard measurement tools; collect, represent and analyze data.

Numbers to 120; add and subtract within 20; intro to multiplication and division concepts; fractions with halves and fourths; time to the hour and half hour; measuring with non-standard units and the concept of a ruler; basic 2D and 3D shapes; recognize coins and their values and count a collection of coins.



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activities that develop science investigation, exploration, observation and scientific thinking.

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Topics of study: Animal observations, force

and motion, simple machines, the senses, density explorations, light explorations.

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Topics of study: Vertebrates and invertebrates, skeletal system, life cycles, properties of matter, rock cycle, sun, earth and moon system.



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Spanish: During the JK and SK years, students focus on developing a confident, enthusiastic approach towards learning a world language and acquiring an early foundation of language learning skills. Through music, movement and play-based activities the children build their vocabulary and comprehension of basic topics through the exposure to topics such as greetings and goodbyes, personal introductions, and naming, counting and describing items using colors, shapes and sizes.

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Spanish: Students continue building their language learning confidence and foundation of skills. Through music, movement and play-based activities the children expand their vocabulary and hone their comprehension through topics such as greetings and goodbyes, introducing and describing oneself, family, and friends, and naming school activities. A second semester storytelling unit incorporates a review of the JK and SK topics and encourages students to demonstrate both receptive and expressive language skills.

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Spanish: Students develop conversational language skills by exploring the essential question: What are my routines... at school? ...at home? ...and in my free time? Language goals include describing a typical school day, comparing morning and night routines, and exchanging information related to personal free time interests.



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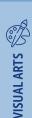
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JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN Unit: Art and Design

Daily classroom art activities with a focus on process,

where children participate in the exploration of art materials and media. Projects: Self and family portraits; watercolor and tempera painting, eco-friendly art; JK art museum.

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Regular participation in art activities and exploration of materials and media, including collage, construction, printmaking, painting and drawing; opportunities to reflect on process and discuss work with the group.

Students develop fine motor skills and practice a variety of lines, recognize shapes, learn the color wheel, explore texture, construct a balanced and stable threedimensional form, model a form in clay, learn about a range of artists and styles from different cultures.



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unique needs of our youngest students preparing them to be confident and resourceful learners.



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Reading: Reading Workshop, including reading habits, inferencing, fiction, nonfiction, poetry and books in a series. Large group and small group instruction, and one-on-one instruction based on needs and goals, word study, guided reading, shared reading, read-alouds, independent and partner reading with leveled books.

Writing: Writing Workshop, including units on narrative, informational, opinion, and poetry; large group and small group instruction, mechanics, grammar, word study and handwriting instruction. Building writing stamina and using mentor texts as examples of ways to write by using mechanics like adding voice and long descriptors. Lab reports are also explored.

Speaking: Small and large group sharing, presentations of research and information learned; express ideas clearly, ask questions and engage in social conversation, making connections to peers and community members, using feedback for self-improvement.

Listening: Read alouds, comprehension, multistep directions to use for independent work times, discussion, making genuine and thoughtful comments and connections.

Reading: Reading Workshop will consist of four major units, including habits of good readers, critical informational text skills, study of characters and

units, including the habits of good writers, the art of informational writing, a unit on opinion/ argumentative pieces and fairy tale writing. **Speaking:** Students are regularly given opportunities

Writing: Writing Workshop will consist of four major

to collaborate with one another, share their writing aloud, read aloud, and use discourse to deepen their understanding of topics.

Listening: Because students are regularly given opportunities to collaborate and engage in discourse, they will also be using critical listening skills. We will lay the foundation for these skills in the morning meeting, as well, and monitor these in academic blocks.

Reading: During Reading Workshop, students will read, write, discuss, be read to, work on vocabulary and comprehension and choose appropriate books.

Units include: Interpreting Characters; Obtaining Information from Non-fiction Texts; and Media Literacy/ Social Justice.

Writing: The Writing Workshop program provides opportunities for students to exercise writing skills that will support their ability to communicate ideas, thoughts

Units include: Writing Realistic Fiction; Informational Writing; and Media Literacy/ Social Justice. Grammar skills are honed at the beginning of the year and addressed in each writing unit. Cursive and keyboarding skills are practiced throughout the year.

Speaking: Students are regularly given opportunities to share their writing aloud and present in front of peers. Students also regularly read orally to aid in their

Listening: Students practice active listening.

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Units: Getting to Know Our Classroom Community Units: The First Six Weeks/Identity (Quarter 1), Chicago

(The First Six Weeks), Getting to Know Ourselves and Each Other (Identity and Culture), Peace, Our Fifty States.

Research: State Research.

History (Quarter 2), Chicago Neighborhood Study (Quarter 3), Urban Planning (Quarter 4).

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Units: First Six Weeks: Community, Empathy, Respect (Unit 1); Identity: First Illinoisan in My Family, Heritage Objects, "I am" Poems" (Unit 2); Peaceful Activism (Unit 3); Exploring Illinois (Unit 4).

Research: Use informational texts and literature to discuss issues that matter to the students, interviewing classmates using oral and digital formats (e.g., Google Slides, iMovie, and Keynote).

Communication: Students practice engaging in respectful discussions and conversations. They learn ways to navigate difficult conversations using accountable language.

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regrouping; multiplication and division with 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 (connecting repeated addition to multiplication and making equal groups in division); showing fractions with halves, thirds, fourths and eighths; time to the nearest five minutes; measuring length in U.S. and metric units; properties of 2D and 3D shapes; reading picture graphs, bar graphs and line plots; solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies, using \$ and ¢ symbols appropriately, solving math tasks using most efficient strategies, understanding of place value is solidified.

Numbers to 10,000; use place value to perform multidigit addition and subtraction to 1,000; multiplication and division strategies within 100; extending basic facts to solve problems with 2-digit numbers with regrouping in both multiplication and division; basic understanding of fractions, especially unit fractions (fractions with numerator 1); rectangular arrays, area, and perimeter; describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes; telling time to the nearest minute and elapsed time; measuring length to halves and fourths of an inch.

Numbers to 1 million; addition and subtraction within

1 million; multiplication and division facts 0-12; multiplying numbers up to 4-digits by a 1-digit number and multiplying two 2-digit by 2-digit numbers and dividing up to 4-digit dividends and 1-digit divisors; fractions greater than 1 and mixed numbers; writing, comparing, and ordering decimals; using decimal notation for fractions with denominators 10 or 100; angles and classification of triangles and quadrilaterals; tables and data interpretation; solve multi-step word problems involving all four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted.

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Topics of study: Vertebrate classes, human body systems, trees, dinosaurs and fossils, electricity.

3RD GRADE

Topics of study: Rock and mineral observations, water cycle, force and motion, planets of our solar system, parachute design project.

4TH GRADE

Topics of study: Trees and tree identification, acids and bases, physical and chemical changes, oil spill project, indoor and outdoor egg drop.

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on the first grade topics of school, home, and free time to draw comparisons to daily life in different Spanishspeaking countries.

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Spanish: Students deepen their acquired language

skills by exploring the essential question: "How can I use my Spanish to get to know someone and the world around me?" Language goals focus on sustaining a complex conversational exchange. In culmination of their language learning experiences, students use their skills to develop and present fictional group stories as a capstone project.



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2ND GRADE

and positive shapes; experiment with the elements of texture and value; explore printmaking; model in clay; build a three-dimensional sculpture; discover contemporary art; learn the genres of still life, portraiture and landscape.

3RD GRADE Drawing from observation; design and paint a landscape

with illusionistic depth; use printmaking tools to make a Day of the Dead print with Spanish titles; model and carve a relief terracotta clay tile; employ math skills to measure and divide space with a ruler; study Chicago public sculpture and architecture and create ceramic tiles in the style of Louis Sullivan.

4TH GRADE Examine masterworks from the Art Institute collection;

draw the figure in action; learn drawing techniques of contour, gesture, and sketching; employ a range of value in a self-portrait; mix tints and shades with acrylic paints on canvas; carve a linoleum block and make a Japanese print; fold origami cranes; practice Chinese calligraphy with a bamboo brush and ink and make a bamboo painting; use a compass to design an Indian manuscript for the Hindu god Ganesha; design Lunar New Year banners for a restaurant in Uptown; study the monuments of the Silk Road and model an Islamic eightpointed star tile out of clay.



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