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Lower School English/Language Arts Curriculum

Kindergarten Overview- English / Language Arts

Course Description		Topics at a Glance	
<p>In Kindergarten, language arts units focus on the alphabet and how it works, learning new vocabulary and book conventions, sounding out words and reading sight words in context and learning to share ideas and information by writing.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phonological and phonemic awareness ● Letter recognition and sounds of letters ● Guided reading ● Writing 	
Assessments		Notes for Language Arts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessment tasks from adopted instructional materials ● Teacher made assessments ● Reading records ● Teacher observations 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writing is developed to share ideas and information 2. Children are provided with early reading and writing experiences at which they can be successful 3. Phonological and phonemic awareness is taught by oral blending and segmentation. 4. Large alphabet cards are available and are used to help children learn the names of the letters 5. Big books and read-alouds should include varied types of literature and engage the children in listening. 6. Literature should teach new vocabulary, critical comprehension skills and reading strategies. 7. Pre-writing and writing skills are integrated into all areas of the curriculum 	
Grade Level Expectations			
Topics	Big Ideas for Kindergarten		
1. Phonological and phonemic awareness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discrimination of sounds that make up words 2. Oral blending to put together words and segmentation to separate words into sounds 		
2. Letter recognition and sounds of letters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify each letter and the sound it makes 2. Connect the sounds to letters and words 		
3. Guided Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of picture clues 2. Sounding out words 3. Reading sight words in context 4. Reading fluency 5. Comprehension strategies 		
4. Writing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw and label pictures 2. Capitalization and punctuation 3. Spacing of words 4. Spelling phonetically 5. Writing in different genres 		