

# Curriculum Plan

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# September

**WEEKLY THEME:**

9/4 Ready, Set, GO!

9/11 My Friends and Family

9/18 Community Helpers

9/25 "Apeeling" Apples

**LETTER:**

Where Do We Start Our Letters?

Ll

Ff

Ee

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Child's Choice

Family Photo

No Show and Share

Something Red

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Labor Day: Center Closed—September 4

First Day of Preschool—5, 6\*

Tie-Dye T-Shirts—Week of September 11 (Help Needed)

Community Helper Day—September 22

**BIBLE STORY:**

*Battle of Jericho* (p. 102 *Spark Story Bible*)

*David is Chosen* (p. 126)

**MATH READINESS:**

Count a Set of Objects

**NUMBER:**

Zero and One

**SCIENCE:**

Inside an Apple

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:**

Wash the Germs Away

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Where Is My Home?

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

Friendship and Kindness

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Book Basics

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:**

*Johnny Appleseed Prayer*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*Peanut Butter and Cupcake* by Terry Border

**COLOR:**

Red

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Gross Motor—Balancing

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# October

**WEEKLY THEME:**

10/2 My Five Senses  
10/9 Pick a Pumpkin  
10/16 Nocturnal Animals  
10/23 Autumn Sky  
10/30 Fall Fun

**LETTER:**

Hh  
Tt  
Ii  
Uu  
Cc

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Something Beginning with H  
No Show and Share  
Nocturnal Animal (Pic or Toy)  
Something Orange  
Child's Choice

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Scholastic Book Fair—October 2-9  
Parent Conferences—October 3-5  
Fall Party—October 31

**FIELD TRIP:**

Pumpkin Patch—October 13 (Drivers Needed)\*

**BIBLE STORIES:**

*Solomon Builds the Temple* (p. 136)  
*Jonah and the Big Fish* (p. 190)

**MATH READINESS:**

Sorting

**NUMBER:**

Two and Three

**SCIENCE:**

Solar System

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:**

Healthy Snacks

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Where Is My Town?

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

My Feelings

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Syllables

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:**

*Star Light, Star Bright*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*Night Animals* by Gianna Marino

**COLOR:**

Orange

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Gross Motor—Hopping

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# November

**WEEKLY THEME:**

10/30 Fall Fun  
11/6 Animal Homes  
11/13 Feast  
11/20 Thanksgiving Traditions  
11/27 Transportation

**LETTER:**

Cc  
Oo  
Qq  
Review  
Ss

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Child's Choice  
Can of Vegetables  
Something Brown  
No Show and Share  
Mode of Transportation

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Picture Day—November 8, 9  
Thanksgiving Feast—November 14, 15 (Volunteers Needed)\*  
Thanksgiving Break: Center Closed—November 23-24

**BIBLE STORIES:**

*A Ruler from Bethlehem* (p. 194)  
*Angels Visit* (p. 196)

**MATH READINESS:**

Patterns

**NUMBER:**

Four and Five

**SCIENCE:**

Hibernation

**HEALTH/NUTRITION**

Helping in the Kitchen

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Thank You, Veterans

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

Gratitude

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Recognizing Rhyming Words

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:**

*Pease Porridge Hot*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*Turkey Trouble* by Wendi Silvano

**COLOR:**

Brown

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Gross Motor—Running and Skipping

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# December

<b>WEEKLY THEME:</b>	<b>LETTER:</b>	<b>SHOW AND SHARE:</b>
11/27 Transportation	Ss	Mode of Transportation
12/4 Oh Christmas Tree	Gg	Christmas Ornament
12/11 Christmas Symbols	Corner Start Letters	Something Gold and/or Silver
12/18 The Polar Express	Curved Letters	Child's Choice
12/25 Center Closed for Winter Break		(Non-payment Week)

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b>	Christmas Program—December 14*
	Polar Express Christmas Party—December 19, 20
	Winter Break: Center Closed—December 25-January 1

<b>BIBLE STORY:</b>	<i>Birth of Jesus</i> (p. 212) <i>Wisemen</i> (p. 218)
<b>MATH READINESS:</b>	Shapes
<b>NUMBER:</b>	Review Numbers Zero through Five
<b>SCIENCE:</b>	Evergreens
<b>HEALTH/NUTRITION</b>	Cover Your Cough
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES:</b>	Christmas Around the World
<b>SOCIAL GROWTH:</b>	Patience
<b>LITERACY SKILLS:</b>	Review Fall Literacy Skills
<b>CHILDREN'S RHYME:</b>	<i>This Is the Way We Wash Our Hands</i>
<b>BOOK AND AUTHOR:</b>	<i>Llama Llama Holiday Drama</i> by Anna Dewdney
<b>COLOR:</b>	Silver and Gold
<b>PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:</b>	Fine Motor—Pincer Grasp

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# January

**WEEKLY THEME:**

1/1 Happy New Year!  
1/8 Polar Animals  
1/15 Winter Weather  
1/22 Rodeo Roundup  
1/29 HBD Kansas!

**LETTER:**

Jj  
Dd  
Pp  
Bb  
Kk

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Favorite Christmas Present  
Polar Animal (Pic or Toy)  
Pajamas and a Cuddly  
Something Beginning with **B**  
Something Black and/or White

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Program Resumes—January 2  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Center Closed—January 15  
Pajama Day—January 19  
Dad’s Night—January 23  
Kansas Team Gear Day—January 29

**BIBLE STORIES:**

*Jesus’ Baptism* (p. 246)  
*Beatitudes* (p. 264)

**MATH READINESS:**

Concept of Time

**NUMBER:**

Six

**SCIENCE:**

Liquids and Solids

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:**

Dress for the Weather

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Where Is My State?

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

I Am a Helper

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Beginning Sounds

**CHILDREN’S RHYME:**

*Hickory Dickory Dock*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

**COLOR:**

Black and White

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Fine Motor—Tripod Grasp

# February

**WEEKLY THEME:**

1/29 HBD Kansas!  
2/5 Dinosaur Dig  
2/12 Happy Hearts  
2/19 Teddy Bears  
2/26 Fairy Tales

**LETTER:**

Kk  
Rr  
Vv  
Aa  
Mm

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Something Black and/or White  
Dinosaur (Book, Pic, or Toy)  
Something Pink and/or Purple  
Teddy Bear  
Something Beginning with **M**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Valentine's Party—February 14  
Teddy Bear Picnic—February 22, 23  
Evening With Mom—February 27

**BIBLE STORIES:**

*Jesus Blesses the Children* (p. 329)  
*House on the Rock* (p. 282)

**MATH READINESS:**

More or Less

**NUMBER:**

Seven

**SCIENCE:**

The Human Body

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:**

Move Your Body

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Where Is My Country?

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

Generosity

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Distinguishing Letters, Words and Sentences

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:**

*A Few Is Not So Many*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?* by Jane Yolen

**COLOR:**

Pink and Purple

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Fine Motor—Scissor Skills



# March

**WEEKLY THEME:**

2/26 Fairy Tales  
3/4 Dr Seuss Spirit Week  
3/11 Spring Is Coming  
3/18 Let's Read  
3/25 Egg Babies

**LETTER:**

Mm  
Nn  
Review  
Ww  
Xx

**SHOW AND SHARE:**

Something Beginning with **M**  
Hat  
Something Green  
Child's Favorite Book  
Three Hard-Boiled Eggs

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Dr. Seuss Spirit Week—March 4-8  
Easter Party—March 28  
Good Friday: Center Closed—March 29

**BIBLE STORIES:**

*A Storm* (p. 286)  
*Palm Sunday* (p. 455)

**MATH READINESS:**

Ordinal Numbers

**NUMBER:**

Eight

**SCIENCE:**

Spring Weather

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:**

Eat a Rainbow

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Where Is My Continent?

**SOCIAL GROWTH:**

Teamwork

**LITERACY SKILLS:**

Alliteration

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:**

*Whether the Weather*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:**

*Yes We Can!* by Sam McBratney

**COLOR:**

Green

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Gross Motor—Catching and Throwing

# April

<b>WEEKLY THEME:</b>	<b>LETTER/NUMBER:</b>	<b>SHOW AND SHARE:</b>
4/1 Farm Life	Yy	Farm Animal (Toy or Pic)
4/8 Favorite Authors	Zz	Something Blue
4/15 My Friend, Earth	0-5	Plant for our Garden
4/22 Things that Go, Things that Grow	6-10	Bike and Helmet
4/29 Spiders and Insects	11-15	A Bug (Pic or Toy)

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Scholastic Book Fair—April 8-16  
Parent Conferences—April 9-11  
Bike Day—April 25, 26\*

**BIBLE STORIES:** *Easter* (p. 482)  
*Holy Spirit* (p. 502)

**MATH READINESS:** Left and Right

**NUMBER:** Nine

**SCIENCE:** Life Cycles

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:** Outside Safety

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Our Planet Earth

**SOCIAL GROWTH:** Responsibilities

**LITERACY SKILLS:** Ending Sounds

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:** *Little Boy Blue*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:** *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*  
by Lucille Colandro

**COLOR:** Blue

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:** Gross Motor—Dancing

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# May

<b>WEEKLY THEME:</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b>	<b>SHOW AND SHARE:</b>
4/29 Spiders and Insects	11-15	A Bug (Pic or Toy)
5/6 Going to the Zoo!	16-20	No Show and Share
5/13 Underneath Our Feet	Number Review	Child's Choice
5/20 Promotion	Math Review	No Show and Share

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Preschool Promotion Day—May 21, 22\*  
Last Day of School—May 24  
Memorial Day: Center Closed—May 27

**FIELD TRIP:** Zoo—May 10 (Drivers Needed)

**BIBLE STORIES:** *Saul to Paul* (p. 514)

**MATH READINESS:** Concept of Money

**NUMBER:** Ten

**SCIENCE:** Volcanoes

**HEALTH/NUTRITION:** Stay Hydrated

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Year in Review

**SOCIAL GROWTH:** I'm Proud of Me

**LITERACY SKILLS:** Review Spring Literacy Skills

**CHILDREN'S RHYME:** *The Ant, the Bug, and the Bee*

**BOOK AND AUTHOR:** *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae

**COLOR:** Yellow

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:** Gross Motor—Ball Skills: Kicking and Dribbling

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