

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM



The West Ada School District along with the State Department of Education uses the Common Core Standards. These standards encourage higher level thinking and understanding of academic topics. The goal of these standards is to better prepare students for higher education by developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Both the Common Core Standards and The West Ada School District's Curriculum are published online for you to view. Below you will find a summary of the subjects taught in the kindergarten classroom. For a full description of all subjects, please see the curriculum documents on the district's website.

LEARNER BEHAVIORS

A significant portion of kindergarten is learning how to learn! We will be learning how to manage our time, attend to a task, and make choices independent of our classroom peers.

MATHEMATICS

The major component of our kindergarten mathematics curriculum is to establish a solid understanding of numbers and number sense. Our focus is to gain a deep understanding of quantity, composition, and patterns in our number system. We will also work on problem-solving, computation, measurement, geometry, and algebra.

LANGUAGE ARTS

You will most likely see the most significant growth from your kindergartner in the area of their language arts skills. Language art skills include their speaking, reading, and writing skills.

Students will spend a great deal of time working on phonemic awareness (listening and orally manipulating words and sounds) and with phonograms (the smallest unit of sound). In kindergarten, we spend a great deal of time fine-tuning our ability to listen for the units of sound that make up words. We will use these skills to decode simple words, read emergent text, and to write.

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Science and social studies will focus on understanding and observing the world around us. For this, we will focus on our families and the local community. We will use our five senses to help us observe the seasons and their effects on the plants and animals in our environment. We will also share family traditions and discuss the different ways that our families celebrate holidays and events throughout the year.