

# Bright Start

## Language Arts

### Kindergarten

#### FOUNDATIONS FOR READING AND WRITING ARE BUILT

In the Language Arts curriculum all students will develop literacy skills as they listen, speak, view, read and write through a variety of experiences. Reading and writing are modeled and practiced every day through whole group, small group and individual opportunities.

#### The kindergarten teacher will provide experiences in

- Pre-reading/reading strategies
- Patterns and rhymes
- Learning letter names and sounds through Zoo-Phonics
- Blending and segmenting sounds
- Beginning word recognition
- Connecting with text to make meaning
- Analyzing and classifying information
- Retelling stories orally
- Communication skills
- Pre-writing/writing strategies
- Writing a complete sentence on topic
- Setting personal goals
- Self-monitoring of progress

### First Grade

#### READING AND WRITING BEGINS

In the Language Arts curriculum all students will develop literacy skills as they listen, speak, view, read and write through a variety of experiences. Reading and writing are modeled and practiced every day through whole group, small group and individual opportunities.

#### The first grade teacher will provide experiences in

- Beginning reading strategies
- Decoding words
- Making connections with text to construct meaning
- Researching topics
- Retelling story/information from text orally/written
- Communication skills
- Exploring different genres of text through reading and writing

- Writing complete connected sentences on a topic with a main idea sentence, supporting details and a wrap up (closing) sentence
- Using the writing process, including mechanics
- Developmental spelling
- Setting personal goals
- Self-monitoring of progress

### Second Grade

## READING AND WRITING CONTINUES

In the Language Arts curriculum all students will develop literacy skills as they listen, speak, view, read and write through a variety of experiences. Reading and writing are modeled and practiced every day through whole group, small group and individual opportunities.

### **The second grade teacher will provide experiences in**

- Reading for multiple purposes
- Using multiple strategies to decode words
- Using multiple strategies to construct meaning
- Exploring different genres of text through reading and writing
- Using communication skills
- Retelling story/information from text in written form
- Developing a research project
- Writing to a theme
- Developing paragraph(s) with complete connected sentences on the topic with a main idea, supporting details and a wrap-up (closing) sentence
- Using the writing process, including mechanics
- Setting personal goals
- Self-monitoring of progress