

Southwest Suburban Montessori School
FEBRUARY 2020 CURRICULUM

EXTENDED DAY

I. Study of Money

- A. Basic understanding
- B. Recognition
 - 1. penny to one dollar
- C. Values, sizes, shapes, colors and materials
- D. Identification
- E. Count
- F. Presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington
- G. Game
 - 1. money bingo
- H. Extended Day store
 - A hands-on shopping reinforcement exercise to continue understanding the concept of money and money management.*
- I. Earn and save money for a special event, i.e. a luncheon

II. Study of Time

- A. Measuring and identifying time
- B. Sequence of events
 - 1. past, present and future
- C. Use of a clock to indicate and practice setting the time
 - 1. Montessori clock
 - a. Montessori math beads
- D. Clock hands
 - 1. hour, minute and second
- E. Child's schedule
 - 1. use of personal experience to help understand time concepts

PRESCHOOL

The basic curriculum continues on with the addition of the following new focuses:

I. Practical Life

- A. Food preparation
 - 1. strawberry cutting
- B. Mortar and pestle
 - 1. conversation candy hearts
 - 2. loose tea leaves
 - a. green tea
 - b. Darjeeling

- C. Scrubbing table
 - 1. shells
- D. Polishing
 - 1. heart
- E. Transferring
 - 1. chopsticks
- F. Care of self
 - 1. teeth brushing

II. Sensorial

- A. Baric Tablets

The baric tablets help with comprehending weight by categorizing three different weighted tablets solely by handling them.
- B. Constructive Triangles

The Constructive Triangles allow exploration of geometry and the shapes triangles create.

 - 1. rectangular box
- C. Color Tablets (3rd Box)

The Color Tablets teach how to grade different shades of the primary and secondary colors.

III. History

- A. Chinese New Year
- B. Groundhog day
- C. Valentine's Day
- D. President's Day
 - 1. Abraham Lincoln
 - 2. George Washington
- E. Dental Month

IV. Language

- A. Sentence making
- B. Card making
- C. Rhyming
- D. Safety signs

V. Geography

- A. Asia
 - 1. puzzle map
 - 2. flags
 - 3. animals
 - 4. continent box
 - 5. Chinese New Year
 - 6. Chinese characters and numerals
 - 7. Chinese calligraphy
 - 8. zodiac animals
 - 9. bamboo
 - 10. zen garden

11. India
12. Japan
13. South Korea

VI. Math

- A. Long chains
- B. Even / odd
- C. Money

VII. Science

- A. Life / no life
- B. Vertebrae / invertebrae
- C. Physics
 1. float / sink
- D. Ocean life
- E. Aquatic mammals

VIII. Art

- A. Chinese lantern
- B. Folding fan
- C. Chinese dragon
- D. Fish
- E. Panda
- F. Valentines

IX. Music

- A. Songs
 1. *Skidamarink*
 2. *Ice Cream Soda, Strawberry Tart*
 3. *Greatest Chinese Folk Songs CD*

TODDLER

The basic curriculum continues on with the addition of the following new focuses:

I. Practical Life

- A. Care of self
 1. teeth brushing
- B. Food Prep
 1. carrot peeling
- C. Mortar and pestle
 1. croutons
- D. Cooking
 1. toast

II. Sensorial

- A. Fabric Matching
- B. Lightest to darkest

III. Language

- A. Matching cards
 - 1. aquatic animals
- B. Sandpaper letters

IV. Math

- A. Cards and counters

V. Science

- A. Aquatic life

VI. Art

- A. Water colors
- B. Painting with self
- C. Crayon making

VII. Music

- A. Songs
 - 1. *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*
 - 2. *Chicken Dance*