

Our Junior Primary program combines a love of learning with a sense of fun, self-discovery, critical thinking and individual achievement. We provide teacher-directed, child-centered activities in a caring and nurturing environment.

Play is universally recognized as the primary vehicle through which children learn so we provide a lot of indoor and outdoor playtime throughout the day. Our materials and learning activities are relevant to the children's developmental needs, allowing for skill development through hands-on exploration and manipulation of a variety of tools provided over an intentional time line.

In Junior Primary we plan for a smooth transition into Primary. We know that our Primary program is accelerated in order to prepare the children for the bilingual Grade 1 and 2 years. We work together with the Primary teachers to ensure that our program prepares the children for optimal learning in Primary. We provide the tools for reading, writing and math as well as good social skills which lay the necessary foundations for success.

OUR FOCUS

Independence, Social Development, and Empathy

- Bathroom, dressing for indoors/outdoors, snack preparation and clean up, lunch, playtime indoors/outdoors, social stories during play, school routines, Roots of Empathy, Second Step, Liturgics

Literacy Readiness/ Phonics/Letter and Number Recognition

- Music, rhymes, fingerplays, word exploration, board games, puzzles, books, books, books!
- Focus on naming and recognizing A - Z, own name before other words and letters Jolly Phonics January - June

Pre-writing and Writing Skills/Letter and Number Formation

- Use of chalkboards with chalk and sponges, whiteboards, playdough, sand, threading fingerpainting goop, paint, crayons and pencils, scissors, markers
- Focus on printing own name before other words; lower case and upper case
- Handwriting without Tears (HWT) September - June

Early Mathematical Concepts/Number Sense

- Music, fingerplays, circle games, board games, peg boards, counting as we go, serving snack,, unifix cubes, Phys-ed, Collections, Math Bags
- focus on naming and recognizing numbers up to 10, counting, understanding one to one correspondence up to five; introduction to classifications, graphing, and patterns.