



# HERITAGE OAK *Private Education*

## Kindergarten Curriculum Synopsis

Welcome to Kindergarten! Our focus is on very distinct interrelated skills including language, comprehension and critical thinking, mathematics, problem solving, and writing. Our students learn how to effectively gather information, apply it, and then use this data as the basis for new skills; such as inference, analyzing, and critical thinking. By focusing on the critical skills of comprehension and math in these formative years, we guide students to become confident and accomplished communicators. Through the use of various modalities, we provide challenging and creative experiences that allow students to work individually and in groups, as they apply their newfound knowledge and skills.

In addition to a strong academic program, Heritage Oak is committed to developing the whole child. This well-balanced environment is not only safe and inviting, but also supportive and encouraging. We are partners working together for the benefit of the children.

### ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

An integrated language arts curriculum providing core instruction in the following areas:

- Parts of Speech: Noun / Verb / Adjective
- Identify parts of sentences
- Punctuation

### READING COMPREHENSION

Students will be placed in small leveled reading groups as well as read weekly stories in the Pearson 1<sup>st</sup> grade series. This will allow the students to:

- Increase reading fluency and comprehension
- Focus on characters, setting, sequence of events, making predictions, and identifying the main idea
- Learn new vocabulary words that coincide with the weekly Pearson story

#### Accelerated Reader

Students will participate in the Accelerated Reader during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year. The children will be given individualized goals based on their STAR test and will earn points with an 80% or higher average. This program will reinforce the students reading comprehension focus skills as well as their reading fluency.

### WRITING

The 6 traits writing curriculum along with Write Source is an enriching process which allows students to become well-rounded writers. The children will master each trait including: Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. Our young

authors will demonstrate their knowledge and use of the traits using various genres. Students will compose clear coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea.

The students will:

- Compose complete sentences
- Compose 1 paragraph compositions
- Writing styles: Narrative, Descriptive, Expository, Persuasive, informal letters

## **MATH**

McGraw Hill offers a vertical alignment process that provides learners with an articulated, coherent sequence of content. It ensures that content standards and units of study are introduced, reinforced, and assessed and that instruction is targeted on individual students and CA Mathematics Standards at a grade level ahead. The children will also be participating in small interactive math groups along with center-based instruction to emphasize and practice the various math skills.

- Count and write to 100
- Daily drills / Adding / Subtracting
- Place value to the 100's
- Tell time to 5-minute intervals
- Show awareness of fraction parts (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, whole)
- Geometry: classify plane and solid geometric shapes
- Word Problems
- Identify and name the value of coins
- Measure, order, and compare (length/height, weight, capacity)

## **SCIENCE**

- Earth materials: rocks, soil, water
- Identify and describe sun, moon, and stars
- Identify and describe observable features of animals and plants

## **FRENCH**

- Basic greetings
- Vocabulary includes colors, family members, vegetables, and animals
- Numbers 1-20
- Several expressions for greetings
- French songs / poems / games

## **ART**

- Every week new artists are introduced and discussed with the children
- Focus on painting and drawing techniques
- Enhance fine motor skills

## **MUSIC**

- Introduced to a variety of musical instruments and shown the proper way to use and care for them

- Develop special skills and an awareness of diverse vocal styles through music and movement

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS**

- Development of fundamental, specialized motor skills.
- Monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness
- Students participate in a variety of physical activities and learn how to maintain a personalized active lifestyle
- Students exhibit responsible and self-directed behavior that lead to positive social interactions in physical activity