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CHARTER SCHOOL

Course Descriptions

Kindergarten

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Language Arts

In this course, students receive structured lessons on readiness skills through emphasis on phonics, language skills, literature, and handwriting to help develop comprehension, build vocabulary, and promote a lifelong interest in reading.

- **Phonics:** PhonicsWorks prepares students to become independent readers through systematic, multisensory instruction in phonemic awareness and decoding skills, using a kit of magnetized letter tiles and a variety of games and activities.
- **Literature and Comprehension:** Plenty of read-aloud literature kindles the imagination while building comprehension and vocabulary. The emphasis is on classic literature—fairy tales, fables, and folktales—including many works that embody exemplary virtues.
- **Language Skills:** Traditional poems, nursery rhymes, and riddles help students develop comprehension, vocabulary, and a love of language. Offline vocabulary instruction is accompanied by online review and practice. “All About Me” lays the foundations of the writing process as students brainstorm, discuss, illustrate, write, and share ideas with others.
- **Handwriting:** Handwriting Without Tears provides gentle instruction to help students print letters correctly.

Math

This research-based course focuses on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. The engaging course features new graphics, learning tools, and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success. This course introduces students to numbers through 30. Students learn through reading, writing, counting, comparing, ordering, adding, and subtracting.

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They experience problem solving and encounter early concepts in place value, time, length, weight, and capacity. They learn to gather and display simple data. Students also study two- and three-dimensional figures—they identify, sort, study patterns, and relate mathematical figures to objects within their environment.

Science

Kindergarten students begin to develop observation skills as they learn about the five senses, the Earth's composition, and the basic needs of plants and animals. Students will also explore topics such as measurement (size, height, length, weight, capacity, and temperature), matter (solid, liquid, and gas), the seasonal cycle, our the Earth (geography, taking care of Earth), motion (pushes and pulls, magnets), and astronomy (Earth, Sun, Moon, and stars; exploring space; astronauts Neil Armstrong and Sally Ride).

History

This beginning course teaches the basics of world geography through a storybook tour of the seven continents, and provides an introduction to American history and civics through a series of biographies of famous Americans. Supplementary lessons introduce students to symbols that represent American freedom; the laws, rights, and responsibilities of citizens; the cultures and traditions of the United States; and basic economic concepts.

Art

Students are introduced to the elements of art—line, shape, color, and more. They learn about portraits and landscapes, and realistic and abstract art. Students will learn about important paintings, sculpture, and architecture; study the works and lives of artists such as Matisse, Miró, Rembrandt, Hiroshige, Cézanne, Picasso, and Faith Ringgold; and create artworks similar to works they learn about, using many materials and techniques. For example, students will create brightly colored paintings inspired by Matisse and make mobiles inspired by Alexander Calder.

Spotlight on Music

Spotlight on Music promotes successful music learning as students explore and build foundational music skills. The program includes enriching musical experiences that help students understand music concepts. Students are exposed to a variety of interactive learning activities, such as focused listening, singing, creative movement, dancing, real and virtual instruments, authentic recordings, videos, music theory exercises, and playing the recorder (grades 3–8). Spotlight on Music provides opportunities for students to make meaningful connections with math, language arts, science, social studies, and other subjects.

