

Kindergarten at HJC

The Huntington Jewish Center is proud to announce our full day kindergarten program. This is a fantastic alternative to public school. We offer smaller classes with a NYS Certified teacher, which means more one to one learning time. This program will offer you everything the public schools are offering and more.

We will be following the New York State Common Core curriculum so your child will be prepared for the demands of first grade. We will implement these standards in a fun, dynamic and creative way. We will teach every student in the best way that they can learn. We will stimulate a higher level of thinking at all times by using questions that begin with who, what, when and why and how.

Here is a brief overview of what you can expect during the 2015-16 school year.

Literacy:

**Students will build good habits, and respect books. Recognize upper and lower case letters and sounds. Students will understand that letters make words thorough a print rich environment.*

**Children will become emergent readers through shared reading, choral reading and listening independently to stories.*

** Students will comprehend stories and text and use the information in other content areas.*

**Students will learn to read a variety of sight words.*

**Students will become story tellers through reading and writing using the writer's workshop. This incorporates handwriting skills, journal writing and other skills.*

**Students will learn to tell stories in sequential order.*

**Students will learn to use inventive/phonemic spelling*

**We will conduct Author Studies and understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.*

**Students will understand that written words are everywhere, labels, signs, and menus and of course story books. Children will realize that there are different purposes for writing and reading.*

Math:

**Students will learn to count to 100 in a variety of ways, as well as introduce place value*

**Students will understand basic addition and subtracting skills; Students will understand that addition as putting together groups and recognize that subtraction is taking apart sets.*

**Students will focus on patterning, graphing and sequencing*

**Students will learn basic measuring, money and telling time skills*

** Students will understand a variety of math vocabulary such as, equal, more than, less than*

Science & Social Studies:

**Students will learn about the community and how to become active members*

** Students will learn about geography and have an understanding of Earth and the universe*

**Students will understand the importance of the environment and what they can do to help*

** Students will understand historical events, and offer opinions based on facts*

**Students will participate in experiments*

** Students will understand the basic concept of the scientific method*

Within the science and social studies curriculum areas students will become inquisitive and ask questions. Because we are a private school we will have the opportunity to foster this curiosity and find the answers to the student's questions together. Students will have a strong foundation of concrete ideas and have a conceptual understanding of the word around them.

At HJC we will be teaching and learning from each other through centers, and other fun and exciting techniques. We will be highlighting our character education curriculum throughout our day. Character education teaches children how to be a good friend and make good choices for yourself and others.

The primary purpose of HJC Kindergarten is to ensure that all children have a rich and creative learning experience that will prepare the children with a strong foundation for future learning and success.