

Music

Kindergarten music students learn through a combination of listening, song, and movement. Students will learn through a variety of tools, including rhythm instruments, bean bags, puppets, and more. Students will learn music appreciation through a variety of composers, from Bach to Bernstein and beyond.

Kindergarten music students will:

- Identify musical instruments, voices, direction, and symbols.
- Practice rhythm as individuals and team members.
- Learn Melody, Form, Timbre, Texture, and Harmony as they relate to music and natural sounds.

Classroom Activities May Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Singing songs individually and collaboratively
- Listening to music from around the globe
- Participating as a team in music creation and appreciation

What Can Parents Do:

- Encourage your student's interest in becoming proficient in music/ individual instruments
- Dedicate time to listening to a variety of music in the home
- Sing songs with your child



The Silver Academy
Central PA's Jewish Day School

Parent Curriculum Guide to KINDERGARTEN

General Studies

Understanding that children enter The Silver Academy with varying abilities, interest, and gifts, we enable Kindergarten students to reach their potential through exploration and discovery. At The Silver Academy, we encourage children to move forward at their own pace through differentiated instruction.

Kindergarten Students Will Participate in:

Writing Workshop

- Learn to be writers at a young age and tell stories initially with pictures and then words.
- Write complete sentences with adult guidance.
- Create original characters and write a fictional story with a beginning, middle, and end.
- Integrate descriptive words and sensory details into writing.
- Write a short booklet with adult guidance.
- Acquire and use punctuation, mechanics, and practice writing sight words.

Reading

- Students will read and be exposed to fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and learn to make predictions and use inferencing.
- Students will learn to identify main idea vs. details when reading silently.

- Students will read orally with increased fluency and expression.
- Students will choose appropriate reading material for pleasure and information.

Word Study

- Recognize, name, and write letters A – Z
- Learn sight words

Social Skills

- Learn cooperation, assertion, self-control, responsibility, consideration for others, conflict resolution, peacemaking skills, feelings and empathy for others
- Learn classroom rules, routines, expectations, how to listen and follow directions

Math

- Explore math curriculum through the use of hands on manipulatives, games, technology, and activities
- Learn to count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 100 and beyond
- Write and represent numbers 0-20 and beyond
- Count objects in a group
- Solve basic addition and subtraction problems
- Identify and compare shapes
- Duplicate, extend and create patterns
- Demonstrate the use of standard and nonstandard measuring tools
- Collect and summarize data and formulate and analyze questions based on the data

Hebrew & Judaic Studies

In a nurturing environment, class will provide students with a basic knowledge of and appreciation for Jewish traditions, holidays, and the Hebrew language.

Kindergarten Students Will:

- Learn to recognize and print the Aleph-Bet letters and vowel sounds.
- Learn Hebrew vocabulary, colors, numbers, food, people, weather, and the classroom
- Learn about doing *Mitzvot* (good deeds), giving *Tzedakah*, and being kind to one another.
- Learn the *brachot* (blessings), prayers (*Mode Ani, Shema, Adon Olam*) and experience *Shabbat* through song, parties, study, and school-wide activities.
- Learn about Jewish customs, traditions, and ceremonies through play and art projects that reinforce the concept.
- Learn about modern Israel and Israeli culture

What Can Parents Do?

- Check backpack daily
- Provide a snack
- Dress student appropriately for the weather
- Help student to get adequate sleep

Together, we can support your child and reinforce the innate love of learning through the dual language curriculum at The Silver Academy.

Science

- Exploration and making observations
- Making measurements
- Making and using models
- Using math to display and understand results