

Bright Beginnings Curriculum 2015-16

Month	Curriculum Topics	Books	Activities/Projects/Assessments	NH Kindergarten Readiness Indicators
September Letters: A, B Numbers: 1, 2	School intro. Self, family, friends and home - social studies. Opposites and colors. Emotions: Angry, Happy, Sad Apples/Harvesting	Sandra Boynton: Barnyard Dance, Opposites, Snuggle Puppy. All the Colors We Are, Families Around the World, Families in Many Cultures. Anna Dewdney: Llama, Llama books Apples: Apples for Everyone, Johnny Appleseed	What I did this summer - draw/narrate. Name games - name recognition and tracing/writing. Exploration of different cultures: skin color, families, houses. Family and self portraits - all about me book. Defining friendship. Anger management, emotions painting and theater, color exploration, color and opposites sorting, color patterns, apple tasting and intro to graphing and fractions. Field trip story book <i>Field trip: Remick Farm the 23rd</i> Opposites obstacle courses, weight/measurement, color exploration Begin monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write	1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: B. C. D. E. H. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. C. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
October Letters: C, D, E, F Numbers: 3,4	Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins, Spooky Creatures: spiders, bats... Halloween	Leaves and fall: Going on a Leaf Hunt, Leaf Man, Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf Spiders: Itsy, Bitsy Spider, The Very Busy Spider Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid... Halloweiner Dog	Bulb planting in garden. Leaf scavenger hunt, leaf creature making, leaf examination and sorting. Initial sound sorting. Spider drawings and observations, spider math, spider web design - shapes in nature, pumpkin weighing and measuring, carving/painting, fear - talk and draw, classroom trick or treat Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write	1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
November Letters: G, H, I Numbers: 5,6	Squirrels, Numbers, Transportation, Cooking and Nutrition	Earl the Squirrel, The Busy Little Squirrel, Numbers: Counting books, Zero Transport.: Sail Away Little Boat, Uncle Chuck's Truck Nutrition/Cooking: Sheldon's Lunch, Stone Soup	Characteristics of living things - discussion. Squirrel observations and drawings, acorn hunt, print making, tin foil boat project, float v. sink sorting and experimenting, shoe box cars, wheel shape exploration, Make your own number book, number sorting, number hunt walk. Class cooking - measurement and liquids vs. solids. Nutrition - healthy vs. unhealthy. Stone Soup reader's theater Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write	1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: A. B. C.
December Letters: J, K, L Numbers: 7,8	Simple machines, music, snow, snowmen, winter, holidays	Simple machines books: Roll, Slip and Slide; Pull, Lift and Lower Music: Sing, Snow Music The Snowman, Snowmen at Night, Snowy Day, Flannel Kisses Bear Stays up for Christmas, Twas the Night Before Christmas	Simple machine exploration: catapult making and contest, ramp and slide building, pulley activity. Music instruments - shoebox guitars, instrument sorting, percussion and beat/rhythm exploration. Genre study: blues, classical, rock, country... Visiting musicians. Snowflake making and exploring, snowman making. Ornament/gift making. Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write	1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
January Letters: M, N, O, P Numbers: 9,10	The calendar year, seasons, hibernation, footprints and tracks, art - clay, paint...	A Year in the Country, Full Moon Rising, Hibernation Station, Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!, Whose Tracks are These? Art: Peter's Painting, Blue Chicken	Season book, months of the year songs and sorting, seasonal fashion show, winter survival animal sorting, bird feeder construction, hibernating bear, bear track board game, intro to punctuation, footprint painting, foot print matching and investigation, foot print painting, clay mosaics, painting exploration and techniques - ball roll, sponge, etc. Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write	1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. H. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.

<p>February</p> <p>Letters: Q, R, S Numbers: 11,12</p>	<p>Shadows, Valentines, Love and Friendship. Kindness. Body, Health and hygiene</p>	<p>Shadows, Moonbear's Shadow, Love and Friendship: Lost and Found, Penguin and Pinecone, Penguin on Vacation Doctor Maisy, My Trip to the Hospital</p>	<p>Shadow box theatre, shadow exploration: guess the object, light table play, shadow tracing and measurement, sundial making. Valentines, friendship pattern bracelets, 100 acts of kindness, what is love/friendship - draw and talk. Mapping and sequencing with penguin. Senses explorations: smell, sight, taste and touch stations. Doctor visit activities: band-aids and heart beats. Snowy play day. Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: B. C. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. C. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: A. B. C.
<p>March</p> <p>Letters: T, U, V, W, X Numbers: 13,14</p>	<p>Social interaction and rules of behavior, stuffed animals, Dinosaurs. Weather: rain, clouds, wind</p>	<p>Dr. Seuss: Horton Hears a Who, The Lorax, The Sneetches Mo Willems: Don't Let the Pigeon..., Knuffle Bunny books. Danny and the Dinosaur, The Super Hungry Dinosaur, Little Cloud, Thunder Cake, Listen to the Rain</p>	<p>Pigeon finger puppets and skits. Intro to rhyme. Dr. Seuss - Cat in the Hat visit. Social thinking curriculum: whole body listening, social cues and responses, guess my tone game. Anger: management, techniques. Stuffed animal sharing/ stories/ pictures and portraits. Spring picnic - wake up bear! Dinosaur books, tracks, rubbings, fossil making, patterns and sorting. Rain drop races, resist cloud painting, weather study, cloud explorations, temperature measurement Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. C. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
<p>April</p> <p>Letters: Y, Z and review Numbers: 15,16</p>	<p>Construction Mud, Spring - trees and flowers.</p>	<p>Bullfrog Builds a House, Three Little Pigs, Bridges are to Cross, Pigs in the Mud, Mud!, Under the Snow, and then it's spring</p>	<p>Bridge building, little pig construction project. Block building: to a picture, draw what you build, tower contest. Mud investigation, art and writing. Worm investigation - drawing, movement. Flower and tree study/ painting. Tree ring study. Flower patterns and shapes. Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
<p>May</p> <p>Blends: sh, ch, th Lowercase intro Numbers: 17,18</p>	<p>Fort building, water, gardening/farming,</p>	<p>The Fort that Jack Built, Not a Box, A Cool Drink of Water, All the Water in the World, Where the Wild Things Are, Go Away Big Green Monster, Vermont Farm and the Sun, A Farmer's Alphabet</p>	<p>Blanket fort building, cardboard box play and building, properties of water (freezing, evaporating, condensing...) water flow/slides, water music and painting, monster math, stories and puppets. Gardening/farming - planting the classroom garden and windowsill plantings, what plants need to grow - observation/study/drama. Seed investigation/sorting Monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: B. C.
<p>June</p> <p>Lowercase/ uppercase review Numbers: 19,20</p>	<p>Bugs and butterflies, Movement, sun, summer,</p>	<p>Hungry Caterpillar, Monarch and Milkweed, Clap Your Hands, Let's Get the Rhythm, To Be Like the Sun, Our Friend the Sun.</p>	<p>Summer countdown. Butterfly life cycle, bug observations, ants experiment/ observation. Movement learning, field day, sun writing/art/painting, sun catchers. Power of the sun. Final monthly tree observation - pic, draw, talk/write. Kindergarten orientation - computer introduction. Graduation!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language Arts and Literacy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. 2. Cognition: Logic and Reasoning: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 3. Cognition: Science and Social Stud.: A. B. D. 4. Approaches: A. B. C. 5. Social and Emotional Dev.: A. B. 6. Phys. Dev. and Health: A. B. C.