

**2016-2017 CURRICULUM THEMES**

<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> 	<p><b>School is Cool</b> Welcome to school. We will prepare for learning by practicing the rules and procedures for school.</p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> 	<p><b>Me, Myself, and I</b> We will tell about ourselves and our families and share some of our favorite things.</p>
	<p><b>A Visit to the Zoo</b> We will learn about the different workers at the zoo and where the animals come from.</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> 	<p><b>These Are the People in My Neighborhood</b> We will talk about the different people in our community who keep us safe.</p>
	<p><b>Pumpkins and Apples</b> We will compare pumpkins and apples, study their life cycles, and learn about fall harvesting.</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> 	<p><b>Time for Music</b> We will study different kinds of music, play different instruments, and maybe form a band.</p>
	<p><b>Thanksgiving</b> We will study Thanksgiving traditions and celebrate our thankfulness.</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> 	<p><b>Winter, Winter Everywhere</b> We will discuss the clothing we wear, activities we participate in, and our favorite things about winter.</p>
	<p><b>Tis the Season</b> We will celebrate different family traditions from around the world during the holiday season.</p>

<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> 	<p><b>Mother Goose</b> We will listen to our favorite nursery rhymes and study rhyming words and rhythm.</p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> 	<p><b>I Have a Dream</b> We will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and observe our differences.</p> <p><b>Mr. President</b> We will learn about two of our nation's greatest leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.</p> <p><b>Love Letters</b> We will send special messages to people we love and celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party.</p>
<p><b>MARCH</b></p> 	<p><b>Spring is Coming</b> We will watch for signs of spring and study what the animals do when the weather begins to warm up.</p> <p><b>Let's Paint a Rainbow</b> We will look at all the colors in the rainbow and maybe catch a leprechaun at the end of one.</p>
<p><b>APRIL</b></p> 	<p><b>How Does Your Garden Grow?</b> We will explore plants and their life cycle and learn about what they need to grow.</p> <p><b>EARTH</b> We will study our planet and how we can keep it green.</p>
<p><b>MAY</b></p> 	<p><b>Living in America</b> We will learn about our country and what makes it great.</p> <p><b>Down in the Ocean</b> We will explore ocean plants and animals and their habitat.</p>
<p><b>JUNE-JULY</b></p> 	<p><b>Summer Safety</b> We will learn how to stay safe during the hot summer months.</p> <p><b>Vacations</b> We will explore different geographies in the U.S. and share our vacation plans and experiences.</p> <p><b>Teacher's Choice</b></p>