



# Toddler Curriculum 2023-2024

## **SEPTEMBER: All About Me, My Family & Friends!**

**Focus:** Compare what makes each of us special

**Literacy:** What I Like About Me by Allia Zobel Nolan; A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni; My New Friend Is So Much Fun by Mo Willems; Clifford the Big Red Dog By Norman Bridwell

**Math Discovery:** Counting: #1 **Colors:** Primary colors

**Scientific Inquiry:** Identify part of the body

**Cultural:** Music Day, Exercise Day, Ball Day, 1st Day of Fall & Yellow Day!

## **OCTOBER: Leaves Are Falling!**

**Focus:** Observe changes in the environment

**Literacy:** Jump into Fall! Gareth Llewellyn; The Very Busy Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri; Leaves by David Erza Stein; One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with Me by John Micklos

**Math Discovery:** Counting: #'s 1, 2 **Colors:** Secondary colors

**Scientific Inquiry:** Hard, soft, strong, flexible, transparent

**Cultural:** Nursery & Toddler Social, Halloween & Orange Day!

## **NOVEMBER: Animal Kingdom!**

**Focus:** Identify a variety of animals and their habitats

**Literacy:** Brown Bear by Eric Carle; Little Suzy's Zoo by Suzy Spafford; Franklin Wants a Pet by Paul Bourgeois; Guess Who? Ocean Friends by Jodie Shepherd; Tails by Matthew Van Fleet

**Math Discovery:** Counting: #'s 1, 2, 3 **Color:** Brown

**Scientific Inquiry:** Stacking

**Cultural:** Costume Day, Thanksgiving, Brown Day!

## **DECEMBER: Little Cooks!**

**Literacy:** If You Give, A Mouse a Cookie, A Pig a Pancake, A Moose a Muffin, A Dog a Biscuit by Laura Numeroff

**Focus:** Experiment with textures and tastes

**Math Discovery:** Counting: #'s 1, 2, 3, 4 **Colors:** Silver & Gold

**Scientific Inquiry:** Measure, pour, mix, bake & devour

**Cultural:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Winter, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa & Pajama Day!

## **JANUARY: Brr...It's Cold!**

**Focus:** Explore changes in the environment

**Literacy:** The Mitten & The Hat by Jan Brett; The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats; Snowballs by Lois Ehlert

**Math Discovery:** Counting: #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 **Colors:** White & Black

**Scientific Inquiry:** Melting & freezing; Discover temperature

**Cultural:** The New Year, Dress-Up Day & Black and White Day!

## **FEBRUARY: Icky, Sticky, Squishy & Goey**

**Focus:** Explore the environment using our five senses

**Literacy:** The Icky, Sticky Frog by Dawn Bentley; My Five Senses by Alikei Brandenburg; The Listening Walk by Paul Showers; The Bear Went Over the Mountain by Iza Trapani

**Math Discovery:** Match familiar shapes; 1:1 correlation **Color:** Red

**Scientific Inquiry:** Concentrate on each of our 5 senses

**Cultural:** Bubble Day, Friendship Day & Red Day!

## **MARCH: Things That Go!**

**Focus:** Use trial and error to explore the way different things move

**Literacy:** The Wheels on the Bus by Raffi; Go, Dog, Go by P.D. Eastman; If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen; The Pigeon Loves Things That Go by Mo Willems

**Math Discovery:** Up/down, Over/under, In/out, On/off **Color:** Green

**Scientific Inquiry:** Wheels & Gears; Water & Wind

**Cultural:** Indoor Wheels Day, St. Patrick's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring, Hat Day, Kite Day & Green Day!

## **APRIL: We are Growing!**

**Focus:** Explore changes in the environment

**Literacy:** We Are Growing by Mo Willems; The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle; Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni; Clifford's Puppy Days by Norman Birdwell

**Math Discovery:** Measure height **Colors:** Create pastel colors

**Scientific Inquiry:** Plant bulbs/seeds; Sorting; Difference in size

**Cultural:** Stuffed Animal Day, Passover, Easter, Week of the Young Child, Earth Day & Pastel Day!

## **MAY: Creepers and Crawlers!**

**Focus:** Observe living things

**Literacy:** The Very: Hungry Caterpillar, Grouchy Ladybug, Busy Spider, Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle

**Math Discovery:** More & Less **Color:** Purple

**Scientific Inquiry:** Observe nature and its inhabitants; Plant seedlings

**Cultural:** Mother's Day, Bug Day, Gardening Day & Purple Day!

## **JUNE: Splish! Splash!**

**Focus:** Discover what sinks and floats

**Literacy:** Mister Sea Horse & The Foolish Tortoise by Eric Carle; Little Quack by Lauren Thompson; The Very Silly Shark by Jack Tickle

**Math Discovery:** Heavy & Light; Sink & Float **Color:** Blue

**Scientific Inquiry:** Manipulate materials and identify outcome

**Cultural:** Father's Day, Rainy Walk Day, Picnic Day, Water Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer & Blue Day!

## **JULY & AUGUST: Summer Fun!**

Look for our **Spectacular Summer Themes** in March!