

# BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL



## Junior Kindergarten Academic Subjects

<p><b>Language Arts</b></p>	<p><b>'Active' early language and literacy emerges for girls in Nursery and Junior Kindergarten.</b>                  In Junior Kindergarten, our balanced literacy program provides a print rich environment in which reading, writing and language are modeled by the teacher. A structured program of phonemic awareness matching print to sounds is introduced in preparation of beginning reading skills. The children will write, read and illustrate their own books and stories. They will have opportunities to develop their listening and speaking skills through drama and sharing.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p><b>'Meaningful Math'</b>                  In our Math program, the children will explore concepts using manipulative materials. Hands on experience with concrete materials will prepare the students for the learning of abstract concepts.</p>
<p><b>'Inquiry'</b>                  Focus on                      Science</p> <p>Focus on                      Social Studies</p>	<p>Children will explore their environment both indoor and outdoor, posing questions, developing hypotheses and conducting experiments as part of the units of inquiry of the Primary Years Programme.</p> <p>Social studies at the Junior Kindergarten level encourage students to work cooperatively, to make decisions and observations about information while learning perspective. Units of inquiry encourage students to discover the world around them</p> <p><b><u>Units of Inquiry</u></b>                  Family and Friends                  What is a Toy?                  Outer Space and Beyond                  The Ocean</p>



## Junior Kindergarten Specialized Subjects



<b>Art</b>	Art at the Junior Kindergarten level is an integrated component of the ongoing themes and units of inquiry. Process and self expression are elements focused.
<b>French</b>	The introduction of French language and culture at the Junior Kindergarten level allows students to become acquainted with French at an early age, using a communicative and gesture approach. Songs, chants and activities are related to ongoing classroom inquiry units and seasons.
<b>Physical Education</b>	Students actively participate in a program consisting of body and space awareness, equipment exploration, basic games and play gymnastics. Simple games and activities introduce the beginning concepts of personal safety, social management and healthy lifestyles.
<b>Music</b>	The Junior Kindergarten program is based on singing, games, moving to music, rhymes, echo clapping and the enjoyment of music. Students will learn how to differentiate between fast versus slow tempos and high versus low pitch and will gain a basic understanding of the beat, the building block of all music.
<b>Dance</b>	An inspiring and imaginative class for students in Junior Kindergarten. It offers our younger students a great opportunity to express themselves through music, movement and improvisation.
<b>Library</b>	The library program emphasizes resource-based learning and a collaborative program, planning with classroom teachers to support student learning. Students visit the library regularly where class visits focus on developing reading skills and information literacy, encouraging a love of reading and inspiring students to explore the world around them and to become life-long learners.
<b>Technology</b>	While exploring educational software, word processing, and drawing software, Junior Kindergarten students satisfy their curiosity while reasoning, organizing, expressing their ideas, and creating unique finished products.