



BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL



Balmoral Hall Academic Subjects - Kindergarten

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| <p>Language Arts</p> | <p>'Active' early language and literacy emerges for girls in Kindergarten. The language arts program offers a balanced approach to literacy. Teachers present meaningful and relevant language activities to develop students' literacy skills. Literacy centers promote reading activities in an engaging and integrated manner within a nurturing environment, encouraging children to feel confident to take risks in their learning.</p> |
| <p>Mathematics</p> | <p>'Meaningful Math' The Kindergarten Program fosters a love of mathematics by developing skills and knowledge in mathematical concepts progressing from concrete to abstract. Mathematical concepts are presented in a variety of ways. These include math manipulatives, writing activities, number games, problem solving activities, logic puzzles, computer programs and measurement tools.</p> |
| <p>'Inquiry' Focus on: Science</p> <p>Focus on Social Studies</p> | <p>The science program includes explorations in the units of inquiry that fosters a love of science, the scientific method and connections to their world. Students will learn problem solving, critical thinking and decision making skills within the science context.</p> <p>Social studies outcomes at the Kindergarten level are met through units of inquiry. They introduce and encourage cooperative learning, decision making, observations about their world, while beginning to develop perspective on various topics.</p> <p><u>Units of Inquiry</u> I Belong We Are all Special It Came From a Tree I Can Make a Rainbow Food Glorious Food</p> |



Kindergarten Specialized Subjects



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| Art | Art at the Kindergarten level is an integrated component of the ongoing themes and units of inquiry. Process and self expression are focused. |
| French | The introduction of French at the kindergarten level allows the young child to become acquainted with French at an early age. The program at the Kindergarten level provides an introduction to the French language and culture using a communicative and gesture approach. Songs, chants and activities are related to ongoing classroom inquiry units and seasons. |
| Physical Education | Students will actively participate in a program consisting of activities designed to promote development of basic movement skills and fitness. Both small and large equipment is used extensively to encourage early development of body awareness and manipulative skills. Simple games, play, gymnastics and activities reinforce early years concepts in personal safety, social management and healthy lifestyles. |
| Music | The Kindergarten program encourages students to sing for enjoyment, while fostering correct intonation and a proper singing tone. Students learn the basics of beat, rhythm, high and low sounds and fast and slow tempos, through a series of songs, games and rhymes. Students are also introduced to Orff instruments to reinforce their rhythmic and tonal abilities. |
| Dance | An inspiring and imaginative class for students in Kindergarten. It offers our younger students a great opportunity to express themselves through music, movement and improvisation. |
| Library | 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. |
| Technology | Kindergarten students will be introduced to a variety of educational soft ware and keyboarding skills. |