

## **Kindergarten Purple class**

The following is brief explanation of the curriculum outline for the Kindergarten Purple class. There are six competencies in Kindergarten and we will develop them throughout the school year. Here there are:

### **Competency 1: Develops sensorimotor skills**

Children develop an increasing awareness of the functioning of their senses and bodies. Through active play and physical exercise, they develop their fine and gross motor skills. They move, explore their environment, and manipulate various objects. They adopt good habits for a safe, healthy lifestyle.

### **Competency 2: Develop his-her personality**

Children express their needs, feelings, and emotions in a variety of ways. They recognize their strengths and limits, and develop confidence in themselves. Children learn to see themselves as unique individuals with their own tastes, interests and needs. They take initiative, build relationships with others, and engage in learning activities.

### **Competency 3: Relates well to others**

Children interact with different people. They participate in group life. They take into account their own needs and those of others. In situations of conflict, they find appropriate solutions with the help of an adult. They acknowledge that they have rights and responsibilities.

### **Competency 4: Communicates orally**

In a stimulating environment, children build oral and written communication skills that allow them to develop their personality, relate to others, better understand their world and complete learning activities and projects. Children pay attention to messages, understand them, and create their own. They organize their thinking and express themselves clearly. They explore language through playing with words, rhymes and stories, engaging in different writing forms, including drawing, and using new technologies.

### **Competency 5: Becomes familiar with his-her environment**

Children seek to understand and acquire new knowledge in different areas. They observe, experiment, question themselves, and organize information. They try various ways of saying, doing and understanding, and of solving problems. They transfer the knowledge and strategies they have learned. They share their ideas, methods and discoveries with others.

### **Competency 6: Complete projects or activities**

Children participate actively in their own learning through various projects and activities. They choose challenges based on their interests and persevere to the completion of the tasks. They present their projects, explain the procedures and strategies they used and talk about their successes and challenges.

The competencies will be developed through fun and various activities such as: children's literature, games, arts and crafts, songs, plays... Most of the activities will be related to the different themes that will be covered throughout the school year (apples, seasons, animals, 5 senses...)

A big emphasis will be put on the different routines we have during the day. This helps to promote stability and it reassures young students. Half of the week will be taught in French and the other half will be taught in English. We will develop the same vocabulary in both languages for both our routine and our academic learning.

Home reading will be part of the Kindergarten routine as well. *La forêt de l'alphabet* program will be used for French and "sight words" will be studied in English both in class and at home.

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