**Kindergarten Curriculum Overview**

**Reading**

Within these units students will be working on phonological awareness, phonics, word recognition, and comprehension skills through Read Alouds, Shared Reading, and Guided Reading using a combination of fiction and nonfiction texts. Each unit has a Big Idea that provides a focus.

**Unit 1: Take a New Step** What can we learn when we try new things?

**Unit 2: Let’s Explore** What can you find out when you explore?

**Unit 3: Going Places** What can you learn by going to different places?

**Unit 4: Around the Neighborhood** What do you know about the people and places in your neighborhood?

**Unit 5: Wonders of Nature** What kinds of things can you find growing in nature?

**Unit 6: Weather for all Season** How do weather and seasons affect us?

**Unit 7: The Animal Kingdom** What are different kinds of animals?

**Unit 8: From Here to There** What can help you grow from here to there?

**Unit 9: How Things Change?** How do things change?

**Unit 10: Thinking Outside the Box** How can new ideas help us?

**Writing**

Students will learn about and write within a variety of writing genres throughout the year:

**Unit 1:** Personal Narrative

**Unit 2:** Opinion

**Unit 3:** Informative

**Unit 4:** Narrative (Personal, Fictional, Friendly letter)

**Math**

**Unit 1:** Understanding Numbers 1-10

**Unit 2: 5-**Groups in Numbers 1-10

**Unit 3:** Teen Numbers as Tens and Ones

**Unit 4:** Partners, Problem Drawing, and Tens

**Unit 5:** Consolidation of Concepts

**Science**

Weather

Forces and Interactions (Pushes and Pulls BOCES 4 kit)

Living and Non-Living Things: Plants and Animals (Worm Scouts BOCES 4 kit)

**Social Studies**

Individual Development and Cultural Identity (Identity Inquiry)

Economic Systems (Wants and Needs Inquiry)

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Geography, Humans, and the Environment (Communities and Environments Inquiry)

Time, Continuity, and Change

Civic Ideals and Practices (Civil Ideals Inquiry)

**Health**

A Safe and Healthy Environment

Personal Health and Fitness

**Social Emotional Learning**

Students will learn and apply all 5 competencies of the CASEL wheel:

* Community Circles (Relationship Building, Social-Awareness, Self-Awareness)
* Second Step Lessons (Relationship Building, Social-Awareness, Self-Awareness,

Self-Management, Responsible Decision Making)

* Zones of Regulations Language (Self-Awareness, Self-Management)
* Child Safety Matters Lessons (Responsible Decision-Making, Relationship Skills, Self-Awareness)