**Kindergarten Syllabus**

**Course Description:** Kindergarten is a time that children begin the process of becoming lifelong learners. It is a year for learning, growing, making friends, and having lots of fun too!  Our days are filled with stories, letters, phonics, numbers, addition, subtraction, shapes, writing, and many other activities and memories. What a pleasure it will be to have your child in my classroom!

I have an exciting year planned full of opportunities for learning and growing. Your child will be studying about many aspects of life including; self, home, family, and community throughout the year, in addition to the Common Core Standards.

**Math:** Students will demonstrate knowledge of counting, number sense, shapes, measurement, investigating and addition/subtraction.

**ELA/Writing:** Students will demonstrate knowledge of writing, print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition.

**Science/Health:** Students will demonstrate knowledge of the world around them using their senses to make observations about matter, gravity, day/night, living/nonliving things, animals, plants, rocks and soils. Students will also learn the importance of health/safety.

**Social Studies:** Students will demonstrate knowledge in themes that focus on culture, individuals, groups, locations, scarcity, time, change, and continuity.

**Instructional Philosophy:**

I am always trying to help the students become independent learners. Each of the students have the potential to bring something unique and special to the world. Teaching is an important and honorable occupation that demands commitment. There is learning, healing, laughter, sharing and love every day in my classroom. I have the opportunity to impact student lives in a positive way.  Our classroom is a place where students feel important, respected, cared for and believed in. I am a teacher who makes it possible for her students to reach their full potential by asking questions, learning from their mistakes, giving and receiving feedback, and trying their best. In our classroom, real world problems are solved so that each student can become life-long learners. Together, we celebrate each other’s success and inspire each other to be the best.

**Major Course Goals:**

Math: Know number names and the count sequence, count to tell the number of objects, work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value, identify and describe shapes, describe and compare measureable attributes, and become fluent in addition/subtraction.

ELA/Writing: Distinguish letters from words and words from sentences, identifies all upper/lowercase letters, identifies front, back, title, author of a book. Writes from left to write and top to bottom, rhymes, blends, prints name, prints letters and produces letter sounds. Produce beginning, middle, and ending sounds of words. Recognize and read high frequency words.

Science/Health: Be able to use the 5 senses to explore matter, gravity, day/night, living/nonliving things, animals, plants, rocks and soil.

Social Studies: Distinguish between the connecting themes of culture, individuals, groups, locations, scarcity, time, change, and continuity.

**Major Course Projects/Instructional Activities:**

Read grade level text, author/book studies, iReady, All About Me project, interactive notebooks for math, ela, science and social studies

**Course Assessment Plan:** Gkids, Anecdotal notes, pre/post assessments, observations