



NEW HORIZONS  
SCHOOL

# Classroom News

September 2024

## KINDERGARTEN

Dear Parents ,

Welcome to an exciting new school year in Kindergarten! I'm thrilled to be your child's teacher and can't wait to embark on this wonderful journey of learning and discovery with them. This year, we'll explore through play, stories, and hands-on activities. My goal is to create a nurturing environment where your child feels safe, loved, and eager to learn. I'm here to support both you and your child every step of the way. Here's to a magical year full of growth and joy!

Warm regards,

Ms. Pooja

Kindergarten Teacher

# What are we learning this month?

## Math

Students will work on verbal counting from 1 to 20 and practice writing numbers in the correct order. We will introduce them to the concept through songs and counting aloud, and practice sequence of numbers by providing a number tracing worksheet where students trace and write numbers from 1 to 20. They will also learn ordinal numbers, word form of numbers 0-10 by playing a number-matching game where students match numeral cards with the correct number of objects.

## Phonics

This month we will introduce beginning letter sounds, vowels, consonants, and practice rhyming words. Phonics in Kindergarten aims to develop foundational skills in recognizing and producing the sounds of letters and understanding how these sounds form words.

We will introduce them to practice and recognize letters, beginning sounds, rhyming words, and sight words that do not necessarily follow phonetic rules through hands-on activities, songs, and worksheets. The ultimate objective is to help students build a strong phonemic foundation essential for successful reading and writing development.

## Writing

We will practice hand/pencil control, touch bumps (writing between the lines) and practice writing alphabets.

Objective: Students will do tracing worksheets to practice writing letters within the lines. We will provide activities related to fine motor skills like using playdough to form letters, helping to strengthen hand muscles.

## Reading

Group Reading and Comprehension

Objective: We will make a reading group and read the "Oh Cats!" story from a reading book that will include comprehension. Reading "Oh Cats!" together and discussing key details and characters will help them to imagine the idea behind the story. Students will do a comprehension worksheet with simple questions about the story. We will sing theme-related songs to reinforce the theme of cats.

## Geography

Understanding what Geography is and why it is important. Introduction to maps and globes. Identifying land and water on maps.

We will introduce them to the basic idea of Geography through simple experiments and theme-related worksheets. Students will learn about land and water through hands-on activities and songs. We will show them a large world map which can help them to recognize states, countries, and Oceans through some fun activities.

## Science

We will learn about our body parts, apples, and all about me. We will also learn about the parts of an apple and the life cycle of an apple.

We will dissect an apple in the class to explore its parts (skin, flesh, seeds) and also label the worksheet for body parts and parts of an apple. Students will learn about parts of the body and apples through songs and art activities. Students will learn about how an apple changes over time when left out, discussing why it happens.

Students will create an "All About Me" poster where students draw themselves and label their body parts.



## Spanish

Learning a new language requires a lot of repetition. This month they are practicing colors, names of the animals using fun games and worksheets



## Friday folders

Please do not forget to send the Friday folders back with your child on Monday after reviewing the contents.

**School is closed on Monday  
September 2nd for Labor Day**