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Kinder ArtsAround Cycle B Overview of Long-Range Plans

Kinder ArtsAround is such an integrated approach to learning that there are many other expectations that could be included in each lesson. Example: Social, Emotional, Literacy etc. It would be too exhaustive and consist of many pages of expectations to record for each lesson. For that reason, a cross section of arts expectations is included at the beginning of Kinder ArtsAround lessons. The general monthly themes are listed below. This quick overview is for you to submit it to your principal as your Long-Range Plan. Be sure to include the weekly topics and dates of the lessons, in case your principal wants to visit you, or assess you, during ArtsAround classes.

A typical Kinder ArtsAround lesson includes a Physical Literacy warm up, followed by an introduction/review through a song, poem, or language/communication memory skill. The topic is then supported through engaging and usually active You Tubes (media literacy), storytelling (language and communication) and new learning through curriculum related skills in math, science discovery, healthy living and well-being including character education. Mini-dramatizations and role plays, including tableau, will begin as well as creative movement and even a few choreographed dances. Beat and rhythms are practiced repeatedly through percussion and ORFF instruments. Kinder ArtsAround lessons are highly active, playful, skill centred AND integrated into curriculum expectations and real-life expectations too!

Long Range Plans for Kinder ArtsAround Cycle B

September to mid-October: This month will open with a getting to know you/getting to know me theme called ***Me & My Incredible Machine***. The kids will play games and become involved in engaging activities learning about body parts, organs & how their skeleton helps to hold them together. The opportunity to explore healthy ***Nutritional Choices*** in feeding our bodies is also featured.

Mid-October to November: **Archaeology** finds then digging up some treasures. Of course, the children will welcome in the seasonal ***Fall*** change including **Halloween** fun. This is a fun time to use their skills to ***Classify and Sort*** leaves by ***Counting*** and sorting them into ***Shapes and Colours***. Yummy snacks and healthy meals will alert

them to making nutritionally sound choices after their Halloween haul of candies. Time to re-think our eating habits.

November to mid-December: *Winter is Coming, Let it Snow, Donkeys Rock and the Magic Christmas Star* are the themes this month. Wishing on stars, studying stars, and looking at stars in the night sky becomes a new practice at home with their family. These little ones will point out some interesting star facts with their family when exploring the night sky.

January to mid-February: The New Year leads to some fun activities to shape up with **3D Shapes**, **reading notes** and **learning a Ladybug song**. The children will explore how the **Animal Kingdom** enhances any community. Of course, they will be given opportunities to both show and talk about their family pet.

Mid-February to the end of March: These drab winter months must find a theme that will make their spirits soar. **Community Helpers** are featured. Growing up and being part of a community leads to the role of a famer from **Farm to Table** and the damage junk food can cause if we have started bad eating habits. Ending with **Everyday Heroes** really shines a light on those who make a difference.

April: *Spring Is in the Air* and it is for the birds. With a bluebird singing game, the call of **Owls** and the sounds and names of **Birds**, this theme really gets the kids active and involved in many activities, including celebrating the **Easter season**. Earth Day becomes the 'springboard' (pun intended) for the environmental theme in May.

May: With so much knowledge about taking care of themselves, May is the month to dig deeper to learn more about taking care of their world starting with ways to **Reduce, Reuse** and **Recycle**. They hear stories and songs and dance in celebration about how they can **Make Mother Earth Smile** in **Our Colourful World**.

June: Although June is an incredibly busy month, ArtsAround wants the kids to enjoy the arts until the last minute. ArtsAround Teachers may need to re-visit some weaker areas of the arts curriculum that caused the class to struggle during the year, so they get a chance to improve their marks for their report cards and feel a sense of accomplishment. Teachers may also want to give the children a chance to play some of their favourite games, sing some of their favourite songs, do some of their favourite dances and get outside to really enjoy the summer-like weather.

The students will have time to learn some interesting facts about rainbows, including making rainbows from prisms and learn the **I Can Sing a Rainbow** song with accompaniment. This month is an exciting time to get some jamming in too. **Our Colourful World** theme will end the year playing with bubbles out in the schoolyard. The **Bubblemania** theme ends with a magic show which is the perfect send off for this Cycle B yearly themes in Kinder ArtsAround! Hello summer holidays. We are happy to see you!

