Afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment Program

Monday
**Art Appreciation**
Our art program will focus on exploratory experiences, that introduce a variety of concepts and ideas, through the safe use of a multitude of materials. Students will learn about famous artists throughout history, art vocabulary, art terms, and procedures, which will help them evolve their own creative processes. With each session children will learn to improve the control of the small muscles in their hands, building their fine motor skills, which are critical for success in handwriting.

Tuesday
**Language Arts**
Children will be working on the four parts of Language Arts: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Our sessions will include listening to a chapter book, followed by comprehension analysis and discussion, and movement games that incorporate reading and writing. Through implementing the program Reader's Workshop, children will learn to ask questions and make connections to different books, giving them the confidence to be a successful reader.

Wednesday
**Science and Math Enrichment**
Montessori’s method has its base in scientific observation. Observation and classification leads naturally to understanding the world through its environment. Children will be doing hands on science experiments to enhance the work being done in the classroom. Children will also begin to understand the relationship between science and math by playing different math games, and see how math ties into our everyday lives. We will further classroom math skills that will help children for a lifetime.

Thursday
**Handwriting**
Through our handwriting sessions, children will be taught good handwriting habits and skills which stay with them into adulthood. By being in a calm environment, having proper posture, having enough space, and having a good pencil grip, children will receive the essentials to good letter formation. These sessions will engage children with music, movement, fine motor activities, and child friendly language.

Friday
**Education in Human Values / Library**
Children will be introduced to five core values: Truth, Right Action, Peace, Love, and Non-violence, in the context of their classroom experiences, through stories, songs, activities, quotes, and silent reflection. Concepts of Listening, Balance, Patience, Concentration, Friendship, Teamwork, Respect for nature, and more will be reinforced with work in-class and at home. As well children will have the opportunity to visit the school library and bring home a book to share with the family every weekend.