



# High Meadow School

## **PRE-K CURRICULAR OVERVIEW - SPRING 2023 TEACHER - STACEY WENZEL**

Social and emotional learning continues to be an important part of our day. Extensive research indicates that effective mastery of social emotional competencies is associated with greater well-being and greater school performance. Children require ample opportunities to develop and practice social and emotional skills, observe and experience positive behavior models, and establish and reinforce positive relationships. We predominantly practice skills such as sharing, taking turns, and listening to each other through play, as well as in our morning meetings.

Students have been engaged in early math skills this spring as well. On the 100th day of school, we counted 100 gumballs as a class, and we practiced sorting and counting by 10's to reach 100. We've continued to practice patterns using our calendar as well as caterpillar worksheets with dot markers. During play, students can also be seen creating patterns, sorting with manipulatives, and beading necklaces and bracelets. Simple addition and subtraction are also practiced using dominoes, dice, and manipulatives.

Early literacy skills continue to be an important part of our daily classroom routine. We read together daily, pointing out rhyming words, simple sight words, and opposites. We finished learning phonics for the entire alphabet using songs and poems. Students have been practicing sequencing using stories, puzzles, and our caterpillar lessons. Holding writing utensils properly, and writing names continue to be practiced daily. Students have mastered writing their names and are beginning to copy other words in writing. Journals are a favorite activity for our students.

In our textiles unit, students learned the process of turning wool into yarn. First, they learned about shearing the sheep. Then they trimmed, washed, carded, and spun the wool into yarn. Students learned the parts of the spinning wheel as well. The finished product was then turned into a beautiful work of art.