Kindergarten

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- Your child will learn to recognize and name both uppercase and lowercase letters.
- They will start understanding the sounds each letter makes.
- They will begin forming simple words and sentences.
- Activities like rhyming and sound identification will help them with phonemic awareness.
- Your child will explore different types of texts (stories, poems, and informational books) to build their vocabulary and comprehension.
- Discussions, storytelling, and group activities will help them express themselves clearly and listen to others.
- By the end of kindergarten, your child will have the essential literacy skills needed for reading and writing in the next grades.

Math

- Your child will learn to count to 100 by ones and tens.
- They will practice counting starting from numbers other than one.
- They will write numbers from 0-20 and understand how numbers relate to quantities.
- Your child will learn to answer "how many?" guestions with the correct number.
- They will compare groups of objects to see which has more, less, or the same amount.
- They will learn that addition means combining numbers and subtraction means taking numbers away.
- Your child will practice adding and subtracting within 5 and solving simple word problems within 10 using objects or drawings.
- They will learn to break down numbers in different ways, like 6+1=7 and 5+2=7.

Science



- Your child will explore the world around them through hands-on activities and inquiry-based learning.
- They will learn about plants and animals, their characteristics, and what they need to survive.
- They will observe and compare different plants and animals to understand how they fit into their environments.
- Your child will experiment with basic concepts like motion, light, sound, and energy.
- Through these activities, they'll develop skills in observation, asking questions, and making predictions, which are essential for future science learning.

- Your child will begin to understand themselves and their role in their community.
- They will learn about family roles, neighborhoods, and community helpers.
- They will identify important symbols and landmarks in their community.
- Your child will learn why rules and responsibilities are important for keeping a community running smoothly.
- They will explore diversity and culture by learning about different customs, traditions, and celebrations.
- Stories, pictures, and simple maps will help your child develop early geographic awareness and understand basic directions.
- Social studies will help your child develop empathy, respect for others, and a sense of belonging in their community.

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Հայերէն Armenian

In a kindergarten Armenian language class, children focus on the basics of the language in a way that's engaging and appropriate for their developmental stage.

1. Alphabet Recognition:

- recognize Learn and the alphabet (both Armenian and lowercase uppercase letters).
- Begin to associate letters with their corresponding sounds.

2.Basic Vocabulary:

- Learn simple, everyday words (e.g., greetings, and phrases members, family colors, numbers, common objects).
- Practice using vocabulary context through songs, rhymes, and stories.

3. Listening Skills:

- Listen to simple stories and songs in Armenian to improve comprehension.
- Follow basic instructions given in Armenian.

4. Speaking Skills:

- Practice simple conversational phrases
- Begin to use basic sentences to express needs and describe familiar objects.

5. Writing Skills:

- Start tracing and writing simple Armenian letters.
- writing Practice their name in Armenian.

6. Cultural Awareness:

- Introduce students to Armenian cultural elements, such as traditional songs, dances, and holidays.
- about Learn Armenian traditions and stories to build a connection with their heritage.

7. Interactive Activities:

Engage in activities like matching games, flashcards, and crafts that reinforce language learning in fun and а interactive way.

The goal is to make learning Armenian enjoyable while laying a strong foundation for more advanced language skills in the future.

1st Grade

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- Your child will build on the reading skills they learned in kindergarten.
- They will start reading both fiction and nonfiction books at their level, working on reading fluently and understanding what they read.
- Your child will learn to figure out words on their own and use context clues to understand the meaning.
- Activities will help strengthen their knowledge of phonics, spelling, and vocabulary.
- Writing lessons will focus on forming complete sentences, organizing ideas clearly, and using punctuation and capitalization correctly.
- Speaking and listening skills will be developed through class discussions, presentations, and group activities.
- By the end of 1st grade, your child will be more confident in reading fluently, understanding different types of texts, and expressing themselves in both speaking and writing.

Science

- Your child will explore the natural world and learn how to think like a scientist.
- They will study plants and animals, learning about their characteristics and what they need to survive.
- Your child will observe and compare different organisms and understand how they fit into their habitats.
- They will learn about how living things adapt to their environments.
- In physical science, your child will explore basic concepts like motion, forces, and the properties of matter through hands-on activities and experiments.
- These activities will help them learn to ask questions, make predictions, and draw conclusions, fostering a lifelong curiosity about the world around them.



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Math

- Your child will focus on four main areas: addition and subtraction within 20, understanding numbers and place value, measuring lengths, and learning about shapes.
- They will master basic addition and subtraction using strategies like counting on, making ten, and understanding how addition and subtraction are related.
- Your child will learn to recognize and write numbers up to 120 and understand the value of each digit in a two-digit number.
- They will explore shapes by identifying and describing them based on their features.
- Measurement activities will include using nonstandard units to measure lengths.
- Your child will also learn to organize and interpret data using simple graphs and charts.
- Hands-on activities, manipulatives, and problem-solving tasks will help them develop critical thinking and math reasoning skills, setting the stage for future success in math.

- Your child will learn about their role in their family and community.
- They will explore different types of communities (urban, suburban, rural) and what makes each one unique.
- Your child will start learning about maps and globes, finding their own community and other important places.
- They will learn about cultural diversity by exploring traditions, holidays, and customs from different cultures in the U.S. and around the world.
- Through stories, discussions, and interactive activities, your child will develop empathy, respect for diversity, and a sense of belonging to a larger community.

1st Grade

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In a first-grade Armenian language class, students should build on the foundational skills they developed in kindergarten. The focus is on expanding their vocabulary, improving reading and writing abilities, and deepening their understanding of the language and culture.

1. Alphabet Mastery:

- Review and solidify knowledge of the Armenian alphabet (uppercase and lowercase).
- Practice writing each letter clearly and correctly.
- Begin forming simple words by combining letters.

2. Reading Skills:

- Learn to read simple words and short sentences.
- Identify syllables in words and begin reading basic texts like short stories or simple poems.
- Practice reading aloud to improve pronunciation and fluency.

3. Writing Skills:

- Write simple words and short sentences independently.
- Practice spelling basic words correctly.
- Start using proper spacing between words and correct punctuation (e.g., periods, question marks).

4. Vocabulary Expansion:

- Learn new vocabulary related to everyday life, such as school, home, food, animals, and nature.
- Practice using new words in context through speaking and writing.
- Introduce basic verbs and simple adjectives to describe actions and objects.

7. Cultural Awareness:

- Explore Armenian culture through stories, songs, and traditional practices.
- Learn about Armenian holidays and important cultural symbols.
- Participate in cultural activities, such as singing Armenian songs or learning traditional dances.

5. Speaking and Listening Skills:

- Engage in simple conversations using complete sentences.
- Answer questions about familiar topics and participate in classroom discussions.
- Listen to and understand short stories, instructions, and conversations in Armenian.

8. Interactive and Creative Activities:

- Engage in group activities that encourage communication and collaboration in Armenian.
- Use visual aids, games, and crafts to reinforce language learning in a fun, hands-on way.

6. Grammar Basics:

- Understand the concept of nouns, verbs, and adjectives in simple terms.
- Begin to learn about singular and plural forms of words.
- Introduce the concept of tense (past, present, future) through simple sentences.

9. Developing Independence:

- Encourage independent reading and writing with simple books and worksheets.
- Foster confidence in using Armenian in both speaking and writing through practice and positive reinforcement.

The aim is to create a solid foundation in Armenian language skills while making the learning process enjoyable and connected to the students' daily lives and cultural heritage.

2nd Grade

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- They will work on reading fluently and understanding what they read through a variety of fiction and nonfiction books suited to their grade level.
- Students will learn to identify main ideas, recount important details, and make connections between different texts, which helps them think critically.
- Phonics lessons will focus on more complex letter-sound relationships and spelling patterns, helping them read unfamiliar words on their own.
- Writing activities will emphasize creating coherent stories, informative texts, and opinion pieces, with a focus on organizing ideas and using correct grammar and punctuation.
- Speaking and listening skills will be further developed through class discussions, presentations, and group work, improving their communication skills.

Science

- Your child will explore key concepts in life sciences, physical sciences, and earth sciences.
- They will learn about the life cycles and habitats of plants and animals, observing how living things grow and change over time.
- Second graders will conduct simple experiments to understand the properties of matter, including states of matter and how materials can change.
- They will explore the Earth's surface and natural resources, learning about erosion, weathering, and the importance of conservation.
- Astronomy lessons will introduce them to the patterns of the sun, moon, and stars.
- Through hands-on experiments and observations, your child will develop critical thinking skills and a curiosity about the natural world.

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Math

- Your child will strengthen their understanding of the base-ten system (place value) and build fluency in addition and subtraction.
- They will practice adding and subtracting numbers up to 100, using strategies like place value and mental math.
- Students will start learning the basics of multiplication and division by working with equal groups and arrays.
- Geometry lessons will involve identifying and classifying shapes, exploring symmetry, and understanding fractions like halves and quarters.
- They will learn to measure lengths, tell time, and analyze data using graphs and charts.
- Hands-on activities and real-world problemsolving tasks will help them think critically and develop strong math reasoning skills.

- Your child will learn about different types of communities and the roles and responsibilities of individuals within them, helping them understand citizenship and community participation.
- They will explore basic economic concepts, such as goods and services, and start learning how people earn money and make spending choices.
- Second graders will learn about historical figures and events that have shaped their community and American history.
- Geography lessons will include studying maps, globes, and geographic features, helping them identify landmarks and understand how location affects communities.
- Through stories, activities, and discussions, your child will develop cultural awareness and empathy, building a foundation for more advanced social studies topics in the future.

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Reading:

- Read short stories and simple texts with improved fluency.
- Begin to understand basic sentence structures and identify main ideas in texts.

Grammar:

- Learn basic sentence structure, including subject-verb agreement.
- Understand singular and plural forms, and begin using basic verb tenses.

Writing:

- Write simple paragraphs using correct spelling and punctuation.
- Practice writing short descriptive and narrative pieces (e.g., about family, pets, or favorite activities).

Speaking and Listening:

- Participate in more structured conversations and discussions.
- Retell short stories and express opinions about familiar topics.

- Explore more about Armenian traditions, holidays, and famous historical figures.
- Participate in cultural activities such as reciting poems or singing songs in Armenian.

3rd Grade

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- Your child will focus on improving their reading skills across different genres, including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.
- They will work on understanding main ideas, inferring meanings, and analyzing characters and plot developments through guided reading sessions.
- The curriculum emphasizes building vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills by encouraging narrative writing, informative essays, and responses to literature.
- Speaking and listening skills are nurtured through discussions and presentations, helping them communicate effectively and think critically.
- Third graders will focus more on understanding the meaning of the text and will be able to read and comprehend more complex materials.

Math

• Your child will learn multiplication and division within 100, along with strategies to master these operations.

- unit fractions (fractions with a numerator of 1).
- Students will work on understanding the structure of rectangular arrays, area, and the properties of twodimensional shapes.
- They will solve multi-step word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, using models, drawings, and equations to explain their answers.
- Third graders will learn to measure area and perimeter, interpret data using graphs and charts, and explore measurement units like time, liquid volumes, and object masses.
- The curriculum includes hands-on activities and realworld applications to build strong mathematical reasoning and critical thinking skills.

Science

- Your child will explore a range of science topics, including life sciences, physical sciences, and earth sciences.
- They will explore fractions, especially understanding They will learn about the diversity of life by studying habitats, life cycles, and how organisms adapt to their environments.
 - Students will investigate matter and energy, focusing on the properties of materials, forms of energy, and simple machines.
 - Earth science topics will cover weather patterns, natural resources, and how the Earth's surface changes due to processes like erosion and weathering.
 - The curriculum encourages hands-on learning and scientific inquiry, helping your child develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

- Your child will learn about the foundations of history, geography, civics, and economics.
- They will explore concepts like community and citizenship, understanding the rights, responsibilities, and roles of individuals in society.
- Students will study historical events and figures to see how communities and cultures have evolved over time.
- · Geography lessons will focus on map skills, understanding regions, and how geography impacts communities and cultures.
- They will also learn basic economic principles, such as goods and services, producers and consumers, and supply and
- The curriculum uses interactive lessons and inquiry-based learning to help your child develop critical thinking skills, cultural awareness, and a better understanding of the world.

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Reading:

- Read longer stories and passages with more complex vocabulary.
- Start to identify themes, characters, and settings in texts.

Grammar:

- Introduce basic grammatical concepts, such as nounadjective agreement.
- Begin understanding different verb tenses (past, present, future) in sentences.

Writing:

- Write more detailed paragraphs and simple essays.
- Practice using conjunctions, adjectives, and adverbs to enhance writing.

Speaking and Listening:

- Engage in discussions, ask and answer questions in complete sentences.
- Practice storytelling and summarizing stories read in class.

- Study Armenian folk tales, traditional stories, and basic history.
- Learn about important cultural symbols and their meanings.

4th Grade

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- Students will explore a variety of texts, including fiction and non-fiction, to enhance their reading comprehension skills.
- They will develop analytical skills by identifying main ideas, themes, and details in what they read.
- Writing lessons focus on creating well-structured narratives, informative pieces, and opinions, with attention to grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary.
- Speaking and listening skills are strengthened through group discussions and presentations, helping students express their ideas clearly.
- The curriculum integrates technology and diverse texts to build strong literacy foundations, critical thinking, and communication skills.

Math

- Students will explore the history and geography of California, learning about Native American tribes, Spanish exploration, and the mission system.
- They will study significant events like the Mexican War for Independence, the Gold Rush, and California's journey to statehood.
- Geography lessons will cover California's diverse landscapes and how they have influenced settlement and development.
- Students will learn about California's government structure, including the roles of local and state governments.
- The curriculum will help students develop map-reading skills, analyze historical documents, and understand how history has shaped modern California.

Science ///////

Students will investigate energy, including its forms, transfer, and conservation, as part of their physical science studies.

- They will study California's unique geology, including erosion, weathering, the rock cycle, and natural resources.
- Life science lessons will focus on the structures and functions of plants and animals, ecosystems, and interactions within the environment.
- Hands-on experiments will foster inquiry skills, including forming hypotheses, conducting investigations, and drawing conclusions based on evidence.
- The curriculum emphasizes using scientific tools, recording and analyzing data, and effectively communicating findings.

- Students will master multi-digit multiplication and division, including solving real-world problems.
- They will deepen their understanding of fractions, learning to compare, add, subtract, and multiply fractions and decimals.
- Geometry lessons will focus on classifying shapes, understanding angles, and exploring symmetry and other geometric properties.
- Measurement skills will be developed through activities involving unit conversions, problem-solving, and data interpretation from graphs and tables.

4th Grade

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Reading:

- Read more challenging texts, including short chapter books and poetry.
- Analyze characters, plot, and setting, and begin to infer meaning from context.

Grammar:

- Delve deeper into verb conjugations and the use of different tenses.
- Learn about pronouns, prepositions, and more complex sentence structures.

Writing:

- Write short essays with a clear structure: introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Use a wider range of vocabulary and more complex sentence structures.

Speaking and Listening:

- Participate in group discussions, present ideas clearly, and listen to others' opinions.
- Improve pronunciation and fluency through practice and recitation.

- Explore Armenian history and geography in more depth.
- Learn about key historical events and figures in Armenian history.

5th Grade

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- Students read various texts, including literature, informational texts, and historical documents.
- Focus on understanding complex ideas, themes, and comparing different texts.
- Develop skills in analyzing characters, settings, events, and identifying main ideas and supporting details.
- Writing includes opinion pieces, informative/explanatory texts, and narratives with clear structure and rich detail.
- Emphasis on using evidence to support arguments and conducting short research projects.
- Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are refined through structured activities.
- Speaking and listening skills are enhanced through discussions, presentations, and evaluating others' ideas.
- **Goal:** Develop strong literacy skills for deep text analysis, clear expression, and effective academic discussions.

Science

- Explore physical sciences, including properties of matter, chemical reactions, and conservation of mass.
- Study Earth's systems, like the water cycle, weather, and human impact on the environment.
- Learn about living organisms, ecosystems, and energy flow through food webs.
- Engage in scientific practices such as asking questions, conducting experiments, and analyzing data.
- Hands-on activities foster inquiry skills and practical understanding of scientific concepts.
- **Goal:** Develop critical thinking, problemsolving, and effective communication of scientific ideas.

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Math ///////

- Focus on fluency with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing multi-digit numbers and decimals.
- In-depth study of fractions, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- Explore volume by learning to calculate the volume of rectangular prisms.
- Geometry lessons focus on classifying twodimensional shapes and graphing points on a coordinate plane.
- Emphasis on problem-solving, reasoning, and explaining mathematical thinking.
- Practical applications include interpreting data from graphs and tables.
- Goal: Build a strong foundation in mathematical principles, preparing for advanced concepts in middle school.

- Study American history from the pre-Columbian era through the early 19th century.
- Learn about exploration, colonization, and cultural interactions among Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans.
- Explore key events like the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, and the founding of the U.S.
- Understand the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democracy and U.S. government structure.
- Study westward expansion, immigration, and the nation's growth.
- Emphasis on critical thinking through analysis of historical sources, understanding perspectives, and connecting past to present.
- Goal: Provide a comprehensive understanding of early American history and its relevance today.

5th Grade

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Reading:

- Read and analyze a variety of texts, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.
- Understand and interpret themes, morals, and messages in texts.

Grammar:

- Focus on more advanced grammar, including complex sentence structures and proper usage of all parts of speech.
- Understand and correctly use verb moods (indicative, imperative, subjunctive).

Writing:

- Write longer essays and creative pieces, using descriptive language and proper formatting.
- Begin to experiment with different writing styles and genres (e.g., persuasive writing, narrative, expository).

Speaking and Listening:

- Engage in debates and structured conversations, expressing complex ideas clearly.
- Practice public speaking, such as giving presentations or reciting poems.

- Study significant Armenian literary works and historical documents.
- Learn about modern Armenian culture, including music, art, and contemporary issues.

6th Grade

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- Focus on enhancing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills across various genres.
- Engage in close reading of literature from different cultures and time periods.
- Analyze characters, themes, and plot structures to deepen comprehension and critical thinking.
- Writing instruction includes narrative, informative/explanatory, and argumentative essays.
- Learn to support writing with evidence from texts and conduct research using credible sources.
- Develop speaking and listening skills through discussions, presentations, and collaborative projects.
- **Goal:** Build proficiency in literary analysis and effective communication in both writing and speaking.

Math

- Focus on understanding and applying ratios, proportions, and solving problems with fractions, decimals, and percentages.
- Explore properties of shapes, calculate area, volume, and surface area in geometry.
- Expand algebraic thinking by solving equations, interpreting expressions, and analyzing patterns.
- Develop statistical thinking by analyzing data sets, studying probability, and drawing informed conclusions.
- Emphasis on problem-solving strategies, logical reasoning, and precision.
- **Goal:** Build a strong foundation in mathematics, preparing students for more advanced concepts.

Science

- Study earth sciences, including plate tectonics, geological processes, and Earth's structure and history.
- Investigate natural phenomena like earthquakes, volcanoes, and erosion.
- Explore biological diversity, ecosystems, adaptations, evolution, and genetics.
- Learn physical science principles like matter, energy, motion, and forces.
- Engage in hands-on experiments and scientific inquiry to develop investigative skills.
- **Goal:** Deepen understanding of the natural world through critical analysis and scientific exploration.

- Explore ancient civilizations, including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China.
- Study social structures, political systems, economies, and contributions of these early cultures.
- Analyze geographic factors that influenced the rise of civilizations and their interactions through trade and cultural exchanges.
- Learn about key historical figures, events, and achievements that shaped human history.
- Develop critical thinking, historical empathy, and appreciation for cultural diversity.
- **Goal:** Provide a comprehensive understanding of ancient world history and its impact on modern society.

6th Grade

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Reading:

- Read and critically analyze complex texts, including novels, plays, and historical documents.
- Compare and contrast themes. characters. and different events across texts.

Grammar:

- Master advanced grammar concepts, including complex verb tenses, clauses, and sentence types.
- Edit and revise writing for clarity, coherence, and grammatical accuracy.

Writing:

- Write well-organized essays, including argumentative and analytical pieces.
- Focus on refining writing style. advanced using varied vocabulary sentence structures.

Speaking and Listening:

- discussions, Lead present research or projects, and engage in formal debates.
- Practice advanced conversational skills, including articulating nuanced opinions.

- Explore Armenian literature, history, and culture at a deeper level, including studying significant historical events, figures, and contemporary Armenian issues.
- Participate in projects that connect Armenian culture to the broader world, such as cultural comparisons or presentations on Armenian diaspora communities.