

## **Multi.-Cat. Special Education Primary Syllabus**

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### **Long Range Plans:**

The Special Education Multi.-Cat. classroom's long range plans are based from the student's IEP goals. Students are put into groups with similar goals and ability levels to increase individualization of instruction for all students. Goals are based from student need and the progression of grade level standards.

### **Units of Instruction:**

#### **Reading/Writing/Phonics (ELA):**

**SPIRE** is a reading intervention program that increases students' reading skills through explicit teacher-led instruction, a 10-step lesson model, and multisensory teaching. Lessons consist of a review of letters and sounds, phonological awareness, word building, decoding and sentence reading, reading, sound dictation, spelling, and sentence dictation. Students complete workbook pages for comprehension and vocabulary. Students will be placement tested to determine where they place in the program and will receive instruction through the SPIRE program daily.

**Sounds Sensible** is a program for beginning readers that builds the foundational skills of reading through a series of listening, rhyming, segmentation, and dictation to teach the letters, sounds, and letter-sound relationships. **Kindergarten** students will receive daily instruction through the Sounds Sensible program.

Additional reading instruction is also provided, based on general education standards and the students' individual instructional levels. Students in K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will participate in guided reading groups. First, second, and third grade students will work on 3-5 spelling words and 1-word family per week. They will be tested each Friday. Spelling words are listed in the newsletter each week. **Kindergarten** focuses on one popcorn word per week and is also tested on Fridays. Word families are introduced to kindergarten around March.

Kindergarten Popcorn Words: a; he; at; in; see; an; I; at; in; see; an; I; so; and; is; it; to; can; up; am; me; we; go; on; the; like; my; you; do; come; of; for; that; was; are.

Additional reading and phonics instruction includes spelling, word families, and reading comprehension. We do a daily read-aloud, and writing is incorporated and integrated

throughout all subjects, including multi-sensory and movement activities. In addition, we use i-Ready; Smarty Ants; Unique Learning.

**Math:**

Students will receive a combination of math instruction from the state standards, as well as the Saxon Math Curriculum. This scripted program includes concepts such as counting, one-to-one correspondence, addition, and subtraction, in which students complete a lesson and workbook page approximately every 2 days. There is constant review and repetition as we move through the lessons. In addition, we use i-Ready; Unique Learning; multi-sensory activities; movement activities.

**Kindergarten Math Units:**

- Identifying and Describing 2-D Shapes
- Classifying 2 and 3-Dimensional Shapes
- Rote counting/Understanding amount counted
- Writing and representing numbers 1-10
- Classifying and Counting Objects
- Rote Counting to 50 and representing 20 objects
- Comparing numbers
- Understanding and Representing Addition and Subtraction to 5
- Adding and Subtracting within 5
- Describing/Comparing measurable attributes
- Composing 10
- Understanding Adding and Subtracting within 10
- Counting to 100 by ones and tens
- Developing Foundations of Place Value
- Modeling Shapes
- Solving Problems and Demonstrating Fluency

**1st Grade Math Units:**

- Ten Ones Make a Ten
- Developing Addition/Subtraction Strategies
- Exploring Quantities to 100
- Measuring, Ordering, and Comparing Lengths
- Using Data to Add/Subtract within 20
- Telling Time to the Hour and Half Hour
- Distinguishing Attributes of Shapes and Patterns
- Extending Addition and Subtraction Strategies to 20 and Story Problems
- Place Value
- Adding Multiples of 10
- Composing Shapes
- Understanding the Equal Sign

Understanding Place Value to Add/Subtract  
Applying Properties of Operations to Add 3 Addends  
Finding Equal Shares of Shapes  
Identifying Coins

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math Units:**

Fluency to 20/Exploring Even and Odd Numbers  
Using Place Value to Add/Subtract within 100  
Exploring Standard Units in Length  
Relating Addition/Subtraction to Length  
Relating Skip Counting to Time  
Solving Problems with Money  
Place Value to 999  
Expressing/Comparing Three-Digit Numbers  
Skip Counting to Add/Subtract  
Reasoning with Shapes and their Attributes  
Applying Strategies to Add/Subtract within 1000

**Social-Emotional-Learning Skills:**

We integrate social-emotional-learning skills throughout our daily routines, but we also focus on a new social skill each week through video modeling, teacher modeling, peer role playing, literature, and personal experiences. The intention of focusing on specific social-emotional-learning skills is to assist students with generalizing these behaviors and appropriate interactions to their own personal experiences and self-regulation. The skills we will focus on include but are not limited to: Being a kind friend, using personal space, asking for help, understanding feelings/emotions, starting a conversation with friends, being a respectful listener, greetings and goodbyes, playing appropriately with friends: Sharing, taking turns, not interrupting, waiting our turn. We use "Zones of Regulation"; Social Thinking; CHAMPS (Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, Success).

**Social Studies/Science/Themes:**

Social studies and science are integrated throughout each day through read-aloud and group discussions, and they follow a theme each week. We incorporate the Kindergarten themes/units as our weekly areas of focus. In addition, we use Unique Learning. Students will participate in general education classroom inclusion for science/social studies if indicated on their IEP.

**South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards:**

Because this class is a multi-grade class, we pull from the ELA and Math general education state standards when planning instruction. A complete listing of standards can be accessed through South Carolina State Department website:  
<http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/>

### Homework Policy

In our classroom, homework is very limited. All students should read at home with a parent for 15-20 minutes each night. A weekly reading log will be sent home in their "Daily Communication Binder" to be completed on a nightly basis. **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** students should review spelling words each night for spelling tests at the end of the week. **Kindergarten** students should practice weekly sight word recognition with their flashcards as the words are introduced. Parents can always review with their child by practicing letter and sound identification, rote counting, number recognition, and one-to-one correspondence with various objects including Play-Doh. Parents can help reinforce the concepts learned in class by reviewing the work students bring home each week.

### Evaluation of Student Progress

Students will be evaluated according to progress towards their individual IEP goals. The following descriptions will be used on progress reports every 9 weeks to explain student progress towards IEP goals along with supporting data:

- NI:** Not Introduced
- MP:** Minimal Progress
- SP:** Satisfactory Progress
- M:** Mastered
- NM:** Not Mastered

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students:** Will receive standards-based report cards according to their grade level every quarter according to the following scale:

- M:** The student **consistently meets or exceeds end-of-year** expectations for this standard.
- P:** The student shows **expected growth/progress** in meeting this end-of-year standard.
- B:** The student is **beginning to progress** toward meeting this end-of-year standard.
- N:** The student **needs intensive support** at school and home to develop this end-of-year standard.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students:** Will receive grades based on the school-wide grading scale:

- A:** 90-100
- B:** 80-89
- C:** 70-79
- D:** 60-69
- U:** 59 or below

### eLearning Guidelines

All students have an **Instructional Contingency Plan (ICP)**. A copy of the ICP has been provided to all families during their last IEP meeting. The ICP outlines the types of services students will receive on eLearning Days for Emergency eLearning, Blended

eLearning, and Full eLearning. Prior to a planned eLearning day, I will send a note home with the student describing expected work completion and a reminder of Google Meet times. All students will have a Google Classroom for our class. We will use this if we have eLearning days. The Google Classroom will have a link to the Google Meet and a visual of the meeting time. If students do not submit work and/or attend the Google Meet on the days they are at home, they will be counted absent. Once students exceed 10 absences, they will be considered truant.

### **School-Wide Positive Behavior System (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, PBIS)**

Lake Forest Elementary vision is "Taking Pride in Learning." The mission of Lake Forest Elementary School is to provide a nurturing, student-centered learning environment where students are empowered to learn about the world, persevere through challenges, and develop positive character traits.

Specific classroom expectations for our class are as follows:

- We try our best.
- We keep our hands to ourselves.
- When the teacher is talking, we are listening.
- We use kind words.
- We use walking feet.
- We take care of our things.

### **Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS):**

Lake Forest Elementary is a PBIS school (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Students follow LFE PRIDE Expectations in all school settings. Students will be provided Individual PRIDE Points for following expectations throughout the building. These Individual PRIDE Points can be used to make purchases from the LFE "PRIDE Cart"; LFE "Quarterly PRIDE Bash." Students will view a Google Slide at throughout the school year to learn/review our school expectations. We will review the expectations on a daily basis.

### **Classroom Management Plan:**

Parents will receive a brief message about their child's school day in their "**Daily Communication Binder**" that you have provided. Phone calls and e-mail are other ways I communicate with parents. Students who demonstrate LFE PRIDE Expectations, positive behavior, complete work, and follow directions at school have the opportunity to earn an **Individual PRIDE Point**. These Individual PRIDE Points can be used to make purchases from the LFE "PRIDE Cart"; LFE "Quarterly PRIDE Bash."

Classes who demonstrate LFE PRIDE Expectations at school have the opportunity to earn a **Class PRIDE Point**. These Class PRIDE Points can be used to select from the Class PRIDE Point Rewards Menu.

Individualized behavior charts/plans will be developed/implemented depending on each student needs. Reinforcers include: Edible, Sensory, Tangible, Activity.

Each child will make a "Break Box" from a shoebox. "Break Boxes" are used during break time for relaxation and fun. Parents are encouraged to send in items for their child's "Break Box." Examples of items are matchbox cars; small blocks to build with; Play-Doh; stuffed animals; sticker books; coloring books. Items are individualized for your child so that he/she is motivated to earn time to use his/her "Break Box." Please e-mail if you have questions about an item.

#### **Procedures for Routines:**

**Restroom/Water:** We have a bathroom in our classroom, and students are allowed to use the restroom as often as needed. Individual bathroom schedules/routines are implemented as needed. Students are expected to use the bathroom without playing and to wash/dry their hands afterwards. Students fill up their water bottles each morning upon arrival. Students should not drink out of water fountains. Students who are not toilet trained need to bring in pull-ups and personal cleaning wipes on a weekly basis. All students need to bring in one set of the following in case of an accident: Shirt, Shorts/Pants, Socks, Underwear. Please place all items in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it.

**Snacks:** We will have two snack breaks daily. Please send in snacks for your child to enjoy.

**Recess/Physical Activity:** Recess is 20 minutes each day. Students are expected to play appropriately by keeping their hands to themselves, social distance, and follow teacher directives on the playground/indoor recess.

**Transitions:** During transitional times, students must listen to the teacher and move quickly to the designated area to begin their work. Picture cues, visual timers, and bells are used as reminders for appropriate behavioral expectations. Circle spots are in the hallway in front of our classroom for all students to sit on to help with transitioning to and back to our classroom.

#### **Communication with Parents:**

Parents will receive a brief message about their child's school day in their "**Daily Communication Binder**" that you have provided. Phone calls and e-mail are other ways I communicate with parents. Parents are welcome to call, e-mail, write a note, or send a message at any time if they have any questions, important information, or concerns about

their child. Please let me know when your child has a rough morning before arriving at school so we can help with the transition to the school day. I will contact the parent back within 24 hours. Please note that if a phone call is made; the classroom phone will not ring during the school day.

We will meet for each child's annual review of his/her IEP before the IEP ending date. The IEP team is legally required to meet once a year for an Annual Review IEP meeting. At the meeting, the team will discuss present levels including strengths/needs, future goals, services, accommodations, and extended school year. Parents have the right to request an IEP meeting at any time during the school year. Please contact me to initiate this.

A weekly newsletter will be posted on the class website and sent home (Daily Communication Binder) to parents on Mondays with information about what we are doing in school each week. This newsletter also includes reminders and important upcoming dates.

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