



FVMA's curriculum focuses on 5 key pillars: Literacy, mathematics, practical life, sensorial, and culture. We utilize a blend of Montessori educational materials and other naturalistic learning & Montessori inspired lessons and activities. A summarized description of the learning outcomes for each pillar are as follows:

- Language & Literacy
 - Phonics & combining sounds to form words
 - Concrete letter recognition
 - Vowels & consonants
 - Vocabulary development
 - Early reading & writing skills
- Mathematics
 - Understanding the concept of quantity
 - Sequential counting and counting by grouping numbers
 - Number recognition both concrete and abstract
 - Understanding the difference between odd and even numbers
 - Introductory lessons to addition and subtraction
- Practical Life
 - Independence
 - Developing fine motor skills & muscle development
 - Care for the environment
 - Social skills
 - Basic food preparation skills
- Sensorial
 - Refining senses of sight, touch, smell, taste and sound
 - Identifying and creating patterns and groupings (also in mathematics)
 - Understanding similarities and differences
 - Exploring shapes, dimensions, and colors
- Culture
 - Exploring geography, botany, zoology, science, history
 - Exploring music and art
 - Learning about social responsibilities
 - Respecting diversity

Monthly School Year Curriculum Themes by Classroom:

	Nest	FH-1	FH-2	CH-1	CH-2	Kinder
September	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Getting to know the classroom environment</p> <p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p>	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Introductory lessons, Peace Table Care of the classroom, Grace and Courtesy lessons</p> <p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, Working through disagreements, managing emotions in self</p>	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Introductory lessons, Peace Table Care of the classroom, Grace and Courtesy lessons</p> <p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p>	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Introductory lessons, Peace Table Care of the classroom, Grace and Courtesy lessons, <i>Kindness Curriculum (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, Working through disagreements, managing emotions in self</p>	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Introductory lessons, Peace Table Care of the classroom, Grace and Courtesy lessons, <i>Kindness Curriculum (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p>	<p>Our Peaceful Classroom: Introductory lessons, Peace Table Care of the classroom, Grace and Courtesy lessons, <i>Kindness Curriculum (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, Working through disagreements, managing emotions in self</p>
October	<p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire safety, what to do in case of emergency</p> <p>Parts of the Body: Care and control of the body Feelings and senses Anatomy and skeletal system</p> <p>Fall Theme</p>	<p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire safety, how do we prevent fires & stay safe, what to do in case of emergency</p> <p>Parts of the Body: Care and control of the body Feelings and senses</p>	<p>Parts of the Body: Care and control of the body Feelings and senses Anatomy and skeletal system</p> <p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire safety, how do we prevent fires & stay safe,</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire safety, how do we prevent fires & stay safe, what to do in case of emergency</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Parts of the Body: Care and control of the body Feelings and senses Anatomy and skeletal system</p> <p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Fire Safety: Community helpers for fire safety, how do we prevent fires & stay safe, what to do in case of emergency</p> <p>Parts of the Body: Care</p>

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November	<p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, social skills</p> <p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p> <p>Thankfulness</p>	<p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p> <p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p>	<p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p> <p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, Working through disagreements, managing emotions in self</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p> <p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p> <p>Friendship Skills: Recognizing emotional cues of others, Working through disagreements, managing emotions in self,</p>	<p><i>Kindness Curriculum continued (12 weeks)</i></p> <p>Human Needs: Love, family, shelter, food, clothing, communication and community</p> <p>The Universe and Solar System: Our solar system, Planets and moons, Celestial bodies</p>
December	<p>Our Planet Earth: Land and water</p> <p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people, Recycling & Energy</p>	<p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people, Recycling & Energy</p> <p>Our Planet Earth: Layers, Hemispheres,</p>	<p>Our Planet Earth: Layers, Hemispheres, Land and water</p> <p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people,</p>	<p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people, Recycling & Energy</p> <p>Our Planet Earth: Layers, Hemispheres,</p>	<p>Our Planet Earth: Layers, Hemispheres, Land and water</p> <p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people,</p>	<p>Human's Role on Planet Earth: Environmental Care, Care for animals & people, Recycling & Energy</p> <p>Our Planet Earth: Layers, Hemispheres,</p>

	Holidays around the world	Land and water Holidays around the world	Recycling & Energy Holidays around the world	Land and water Holidays around the world	Recycling & Energy Holidays around the world	Land and water Holidays around the world
January	Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving Winter Theme	Earth's Biosphere and Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures, Pangea, Timeline of the Earth	Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures, Pangea, Timeline of the Earth Earth's Biosphere and Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving	Earth's Biosphere and Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures, Pangea, Timeline of the Earth	Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures, Pangea, Timeline of the Earth Earth's Biosphere and Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving	Earth's Biosphere and Overview of Living Things: Differences between plants and animals, Living vs. nonliving Prehistory of the Earth: Prehistoric creatures, Pangea, Timeline of the Earth
February	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks Our State: Wisconsin state symbols Our Community: Our City-Appleton Love/Kindness Theme	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life, Geography of Earth's oceans The Water Cycle: Earth's atmosphere	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks Our State: Wisconsin state symbols Our Community: Our City-Appleton	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks Our State: Wisconsin state symbols Our Community: Our City-Appleton	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life, Geography of Earth's oceans The Water Cycle: Earth's atmosphere	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks Our State: Wisconsin state symbols Our Community: Our City-Appleton
March	Work in Our Community: Community helpers	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks	Work in Our Community: Introduction to Careers & Jobs, How	Work in Our Community: Introduction to Careers & Jobs, How	Our Country: United States geography, National landmarks	Work in Our Community: Introduction to Careers & Jobs, How

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April	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life Spring Theme	Work in Our Community: Introduction to Careers & Jobs, How Individuals Make a Community Intro to Zoology: Classification of animals	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life, Geography of Earth's oceans The Water Cycle: Earth's atmosphere	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life, Geography of Earth's oceans The Water Cycle: Earth's atmosphere	Work in Our Community: Introduction to Careers & Jobs, How Individuals Make a Community Intro to Zoology: Classification of animals	Earth's Oceans: Ocean life, Geography of Earth's oceans The Water Cycle: Earth's atmosphere
May	Intro to Botany: Explore different plants, How do plants grow	Intro to Botany: Plant identification, Classification of plants, How plants grow	Intro to Botany: Plant identification, Classification of plants, How plants grow Care for School Garden	Intro to Botany: Plant identification, Classification of plants, How plants grow Care for School Garden	Planning and Planting the School Garden Intro to Botany: Plant identification, Classification of plants, How plants grow	Planning and Planting the School Garden Intro to Botany: Plant identification, Classification of plants, How plants grow