

# Emergent Curriculum

## What does it mean?

Emergent curriculum is the expansion of knowledge based on the interests of the children. Ideally, a teacher can create interesting, challenging, learning experiences that respect the current development and curiosities of the children in their class. In an Emergent Classroom, this is accomplished by utilizing the children's expressed interests, the teacher's observations, and knowledge of developmental stages.

One of the reasons we use emergent curriculum instead of a thematic approach, is to capitalize on the "teachable moment". Children, like adults, reach a higher level of learning if the subject is one of interest to them. I do not know what children will be interested in a few weeks or months from now. By following their lead, I can bring a variety of learning experiences to the subject that sparks their curiosity right now.

By using the children's ideas to plan curriculum, we allow the possibility of studying more than one subject at the time. This often means that more children are being reached in an area of interest on a daily basis. Some of the ways we pick up on the children's interests are: watching what they play with and how they play, building on family events or vacation experiences, and listening on what they talk about.

When something piques their curiosity, it is more likely that the children will want to seek out more information on that subject. When the children come up with questions we can't answer, it becomes a perfect opportunity for us to learn together.

**Co - Curricular / Enrichment Activities => Kids YOGA, KUMON, Spanish Workshop, Art, Math, Science & Technology Workshops.**

## ABOUT

KUMON

## WORKBOOKS



**KUMON WORKBOOKS AND LEARNING AIDS** introduce basic learning skills to children aged 2 through 6. Subjects covered include the alphabet and early reading/writing, counting, addition, subtraction, as well as pencil and scissors skills and fine motor control.

**THE KUMON METHOD** is what makes our Workbooks so unique and effective. This Method is a proven learning system developed in Japan to help each child reach his or her full potential. Concepts are introduced in a step-by-step manner that allows the child to master each in turn without getting frustrated. Before long, children gain confidence in their abilities and are motivated to learn on their own.

### WHY DO KUMON BOOKS WORK?

Your child will learn while having fun.

Through practice your child will build a good foundation for future learning.

Each activity will guide and encourage your child to practice a new skill.

# About Our Curriculum

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fine motor skills
- Visual discrimination
- Eye-hand coordination
- Physical Movement
- Gross Motor Development

## SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Cooperative play
- Patience
- Sharing and Friendships
- Perseverance
- Self-Control

## FINE ARTS

- Creativity
- Aesthetics
- Imagination
- Design
- Music & Dramatic Play



## LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Listening Comprehension
- Speech Production and Speech - Discrimination
- Vocabulary
- Verbal Expression
- Phonological Awareness
- Print and Book Awareness
- Letter Knowledge and Early Word Recognition
- Motivation to Read
- Developing Knowledge of Literary Forms
- Written Expression

## KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

- Work and machines
- Community helpers / careers
- Tools and vehicles
- Individual, culture, and Community

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Simple machines
- Learning how things work
- Problem solving
- Trial and error
- Cause and effect concepts in real-life situations

## MATHEMATICS

- Predicting
- Applying scientific concepts to every day situations
- Counting & Sorting
- Sequencing
- Using mathematical language
- Classification and Data Collection

## HYPOTHESIZING

- Number and Operations
- Patterns
- Measuring & Estimating
- Science Concepts