Junior Kindergarten

HIGHLIGHTS

- Engage in discussions to understand healthy social relationships and co-create positive classroom rules that are displayed and reinforced throughout the year.
- Develop independence and executive functioning skills by learning to transition between subjects and teachers—often in different buildings.
- Practice empathy, cooperation, and self-expression by engaging in dramatic play, resolving age-appropriate conflicts, and building interpersonal skills.
- Create a positive and supportive learning environment through Responsive Classroom practices.
- Perform a play for the Lower School community, building confidence, self-expression, and foundational communication skills.
- Build meaningful relationships with 6th grade mentors by meeting biweekly to read, write stories and poems, create art projects, and play outdoors.

STEM

- Participate in Dornin Labs through investigation of seasonal changes by studying fall indicators in nature and the emergence of spring flowers.
- Engage in scientific inquiry by growing plants, exploring seasonal experiments, investigating the differences in coniferous trees, identifying animals by their tracks, and examining the physical properties of bubbles.
- Develop foundational math and engineering skills by using pie and bar graphs to organize information, learning with manipulatives, and exploring the *Big Math for Little Kids* program. Daily, relevant math experiences—such as calendar work, weather tracking, chronological counting, and visual grouping of ones and tens—provide real-world application and prepare students for milestone events like the 100th day of school.