



# Early Years Program Overview



## Kindergarten

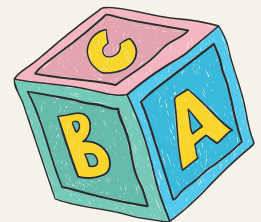
Our Early Years program is designed to foster individual learning and child development at every age and stage through active, hands-on discovery, exploration and play.

Aurora International School is an IB World School. We are authorized for the IB Primary Years Program (PYP). IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high – quality, challenging international education – that we believe is important for our students.

Our Early Years curriculum is based on internationally-accepted child development milestones and offers learning-through-play opportunities within the PYP framework. As children approach Class I, our comprehensive, academically rich kindergarten program helps them inquire, communicate, and create — all in a nurturing, small-class setting. Our transdisciplinary curriculum of reading, language development, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts and physical fitness is taught in an engaging way that encourages a lifelong love of learning.

### Language Skills

Our curriculum develops fluency and context-specific communication skills in English and mother language. This is the year the foundations for literacy are laid through a structured, high-quality phonics program. Hands-on activities to practice writing and a range of speaking and listening opportunities are offered through their exploration of their units of inquiry. Students learn to be reflective learners with strong communication skills.

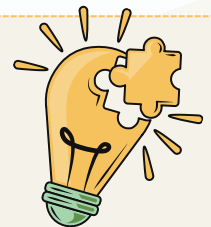


### Math Skills

Our curriculum develops numeracy skills, teaches mathematical concepts and builds reasoning skills. We create opportunities to explore a range of mathematical concepts, discover facts and make connections through hands-on activities and games. They develop their thinking skills as they solve simple problems that they encounter every day.

### Scientific Discovery

Students go on scientific explorations and develop critical thinking skills, as they ask questions, run simple experiments and draw conclusions through the units of inquiry. We provide children with age-appropriate opportunities to inquire about and explore the world around them, developing their conceptual understandings through their inquiries.



### Social Awareness and Global Awareness

Students explore concepts in social studies while developing emotional intelligence, citizenship, and social skills. Through a range of inquiries into their world and their environment, they develop thinking and communication skills and work on becoming open-minded, caring and principled individuals. Students are also taught a range of life skills beyond academics through their “Learning for Life” curriculum.

## Visual and Performing Arts

Students enhance their appreciation of, and ability to express opinions about, music, drama, dance and art while developing their practical skills, self-confidence and social skills every day. Through a range of structured activities and free play, both indoors and outdoors, students develop their creative abilities and develop as risk-takers to explore their individual talents and artistic expressions, and learn the basic elements of art and music.



## Physical Development



Our curriculum focuses on developing in students their physical fitness and healthy habits. They develop self-management skills through regular practice. Daily physical activities in indoor and outdoor settings and on a range of play equipment build motor skills, strength, stamina, and coordination. Children are taught free-hand and equipment-based sports, which encourage a love for physical activity. Through games and focused play, we also teach children to become balanced individuals who take physical development, health, and safety seriously. Students develop skills in yoga and swimming as well as athletics and sports such as football and basketball.