

## **Bright Horizons Kindergarten Prep Signature Educational Practices**

### **Journal Writing in Language, Math and Science:**

Journal writing presents children with another way of communicating their thoughts and ideas. They learn that their spoken words are associated with printed symbols that relay a consistent message to others. Their journal becomes a special place for documenting and collecting; a place to reflect on their personal and group experiences, thoughts and feelings.

### **Handwriting without Tears:**

A proven success in making legible and fluent handwriting an easy and automatic skill for students; our curriculum uses hands-on, educationally sound instructional methods to teach handwriting.

### **WiggleWorks:**

*WiggleWorks* combines powerful technology with leveled books and instructional materials to develop reading, writing, and language skills necessary for future reading success.

### **Words I Know – Word Rings:**

Children record sight words and words that they recognize.

### **Rotating Math Stations:**

In addition to the math learning center, Kindergarten Prep includes math station for specific learning skills in estimation, sequencing and graphing.

### **Everyday Mathematics:**

Developed by the best researchers from the field with input from teachers nationwide, *Everyday Math* teaches basic skills and conceptual thinking using a hands-on approach and sets higher expectations for all children.

### **Science Laboratory and teaching children the Scientific Method:**

Science in a *Science Rocks* Laboratory teaches children complex and meaningful scientific methods. Children enrolled in the Kindergarten Prep program will explore a broad scope of scientific disciplines, from physics to chemistry to earth science. Through these experiences, children will make queries, test hypotheses, investigate properties, explore scientific phenomena and make profound discoveries.

### **W.O.R.L.D.**

Kindergarten Prep is an introduction to classroom **W**ork and **O**rganization, teaching children to take **R**esponsibility for their **L**earning and **D**iscovering each day. Children will engage in this practice daily during the morning meeting to help prepare them socially, educationally and emotionally for their next level of education.