

Curricula at Crossroads Center for Children

We utilize multiple curricula to support every learner — from Pre-K through school-age. Here's a summary of our approach.





General Themes

Classroom teachers design lessons around **seasonal themes**, developing activities across multiple learning domains.

Core Academics

Math, literacy, science, and social skills

Creative & Sensory

Art, sensory play, and imaginative play

Social Skills

Functional communication and cooking play



Learning Without Tears

PRE-K

The **Get Set for School** curriculum builds skills developmentally – easiest first, then layering on knowledge. The following six learning areas work together for stronger academic outcomes.

- Reading Readiness
- Pre-Writing & Alphabet
- Counting & Numbers
- Drawing & Coloring

SCHOOL-AGE

STAR Program

Teaching children with autism the critical skills identified by the **2001 National Research Council** through an ABA approach. Includes lesson plans, teaching materials, data systems, and curriculum-based assessment across **six curricular areas**.

Receptive Language	Expressive Language
Spontaneous Language	Functional Routines
Academics	Play & Social Skills

MATH PROGRAM

TouchMath

An **explicit, multisensory math program** for students who struggle with foundational and abstract concepts — from preschool through transition. Aligned to standards across all 50 states.

- Early foundational skills
- Numbers & operations
- Geometry & measurement
- Grade- and age-appropriate assessments



SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Speech Words of the Week

Developed by a speech-language pathologist, this program focuses on **one core word per week** to increase functional communication. Uses **Boardmaker symbols** – the same symbols found on many students' AAC devices. Symbols are posted around the school and in classrooms.



Curricula by Month: September – November

Month	General Themes	STAR Themes & Speech Words
September	Back to School, All About Me, Fall & Apples, 5 Senses	Five Senses – Go, In, Different, Help
October	Leaves & Pumpkins, Farm, Halloween, Pete the Cat, Fire Prevention Week	Fall Festivals – Want, Me, More, Stop
November	Outer Space, Thanksgiving, Woodland Animals, Animal Habitats	Making Music Together – Turn, New, You, No

Curricula by Month: December – February

Month	General Themes	STAR Themes & Speech Words
December	Arctic Animals, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Gingerbread	Planes, Trains & Automobiles – Push, Look, On, Open
January	New Year, Winter & Hibernation, Chinese New Year, MLK Jr., 100 Days of School	Winter Animals – Now, Listen, Up, Again
February	Valentine's Day, Brown Bear, Groundhog Day, Winter Olympics, Brushing Teeth	Forecast Fun – Play, Like, Not, What

Curricula by Month: March – June

Month	General Themes	STAR Themes & Speech Words
March	Dr. Seuss, Feelings, Saint Patrick's Day, Spring	Reading Superpowers – Who, Need, Good, That
April	Weather, Easter, Earth & Trees, Earth Day	Spring Animals – Some, Big, Here, Out
May	Mother's Day & Flowers, Transportation & Construction, National EMS Week, Eric Carle	Beautiful Bugs – Where, It, All Done, All
June	Butterflies, Father's Day, Zoo, Graduation	Summer Fun – Bad, Fast, Down, Small

Summer Themes

July & August Themes

Month	General Themes	STAR Themes & Speech Words
July	4th of July, Dinosaurs, Pond Animals, Community Helpers, Ocean & Beach Sports, Summer Olympics	STAR Theme: Summer Fun Speech Words – Review: Go, Help, More, Stop, Open, Play
August	Pirates, Ocean, Camping, Ice Cream	

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