



## SPECIALS 2025-2026

*Specials* are included as part of the school day. Instructors spend 20-30 minutes with each class. Classroom teachers remain with the children during this time.

<b>Monday</b>	GYM with Jerry: Jerry Brunson-Hollinger gets the children moving with his fun and exciting fitness activities. Jerry introduces the children to a variety of sports and games that will help your child channel their boundless energy and reach developmental milestones in a structured environment.
<b>Tuesday – fall &amp; spring</b>	GARDENING: Morah Jessica introduces the children to the many rewards of gardening through hands on activities in our own school garden. School gardens are shown to help increase a child's consumption of fruits and vegetables, improve environmental attitudes and instill a respect for nature.
<b>Tuesday – winter</b>	STAMFORD NATURE CENTER: Instructors from the Nature Center bring new animals every week for the children to touch and discover. A wide variety of scientific concepts related to animals and nature are incorporated.
<b>Wednesday</b>	YOGA: Corey Esannason brings a sense of fun and relaxation to children by introducing them to basic Yoga poses. It is an opportunity for children to connect with their breath, build strength and flexibility, and develop a better understanding of their bodies.
<b>Thursday</b>	GYMNASTICS: Anatoli Vartuso teaches the children basic physical skills that enhance gross motor ability and keep everyone active. Key gymnastic skills include balance, agility, coordination and body awareness.
<b>Friday</b>	PUPPET SHOW, MUSIC & SHABBAT CELEBRATION: Teachers ignite the joy of Shabbat through song, dance, stories and challah baking. Morah Maryashie performs puppet shows which emphasize Jewish values as well as social / emotional values. Bobby Doowah joins classes for added musical festivities.