

Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

CORE SUBJECTS

Bible

Daily Bible lessons and weekly memory verses emphasize life-application and values. Students are encouraged early on and guided to develop a personal and private devotional and prayer time using the Word to know the Father and His Son in a personal way. While Bible is taught as a separate subject, a biblical worldview is integrated into all subject areas.

Language Arts

Students develop writing skills, reading fluency and comprehension, oral communications, listening techniques and critical thinking. The joys of reading and writing are experienced daily.

- Phonemic Awareness
- Visual and auditory recognition of all letters.
- Letter formation of upper and lower case letters
- Decode printed words using phonics and context clues
- Make connections between personal life and literature
- Distinguish between real and imaginary
- Listening and oral expression skills
- Recall and sequencing
- Recognizing color words
- Writing steps of prewriting, drafting, revising, final copy
- Sequencing the beginning, middle and end of a story
- Use phonetic clues to write words, sentences and stories
- Tell stories through pictures and words

Mathematics

Our math curriculum builds upon the concrete foundations of mathematics and leads towards an understanding of the abstract and symbolic.

- Recognize numbers 0-20
- Count forward from 0-100
- Count back from 20-0
- Group skip count by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Count tally marks
- Compare lengths, matching ends
- Generate, continue and copy patterns
- Recognize and name shapes
- Identify and know value of a penny, nickel, dime, and quarter
- Tell time to nearest hour
- Name the days of the week and months of the year
- Explore use of measuring tools
- Interpret a simple graph
- Participate in oral number stories
- Add sums 1-10 with manipulatives
- Subtract 1-10 with manipulatives

Science/Health

Science is integrated through themes of study in language arts, mathematics and in daily routines. The main emphasis is on observation and exploration of everyday things in our world through inquiry.

Social Studies

Social studies is integrated through themes of study in language arts and Bible and in daily routines. The student is introduced to the family, school, community and world.



Resources & Texts

Bible: Standard Publishing; Biblical Choices; Bible - NIV
Reading/Phonics: Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Language Arts; Process Phonics
Math: Everyday Mathematics
Handwriting: Handwriting Without Tears
 Various other materials

SPECIALS

In the elementary grades K-5, the students meet weekly with an art teacher, music teacher, physical education teacher, Spanish teacher, technology teacher and librarian. It is our goal to provide a more advanced exposure to these special areas, and also help prepare the students for a variety of teachers and expectations that they will experience in middle and senior high school.

Art

Students experience art through a variety of mediums. They also learn to appreciate art through the study of famous artists and in the recognition of the elements of art in both man-made works and the natural world.

Library

During library visits, students cultivate their love of reading as picture books, nonfiction books and novels are read aloud. They also learn to choose “good-fit” and age appropriate books.

Music

The music program for grades K-5 emphasizes music appreciation and the teaching of basic music skills through singing, movement, and playing of instruments. Students learn to glorify God through praise and worship and in participation in a musical.

Chapel

Students in K-5 attend chapel twice per month. Chapel includes worship through singing, Bible reading, and application of biblical truths at an appropriate level. Students are challenged to live out their faith. Missions are emphasized in our chapels so that students will understand their part in the Great Commission.

Service Projects

Students will participate in both class and school-wide projects designed to help students follow God's precepts in reaching out in love to others, both in the community and around the world.

Physical Education

The physical education program fosters an enjoyment of physical activity through the teaching of both individual and team sports, as well as developing motor skills, strength, flexibility, and cardio-respiratory fitness.

Spanish

Spanish classes for Kindergarten through fifth grade are designed to give exposure to and love for another language and culture, helping our students to delight in God's diverse world.

Technology

Weekly technology classes in the elementary grades help to prepare our K-5 students for the ever-changing landscape of technology. Part of this program includes online interactive K-5 technology curriculum with instruction in keyboarding, word processing, presentations, and online safety.

Field Trips

Classes go on specific, purposeful field trips that enrich units of study from a variety of subjects. These may vary from year to year depending on availability and scheduling.

Special Events

- Book Parade
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- Grandparents Day
- Jog-A-Thon

The Kindergarten program emphasizes skill development in the areas of:
Handwriting · Communication · Gross and Fine Motor · Work Habits · Character Development