

Kindergarten



Bible

Bible is an integral part of the entire kindergarten curriculum as we strive to place God's Word at the center of all that is taught. Each day begins with prayer, and principles from the Bible are part of our classroom studies, our social activities and our discipline. Our Bible curriculum encourages students to think biblically and to practice Christ-like values and character traits. We explore stories from Creation to Christ's Resurrection. Kindergarteners participate in Bible memory verses which correlate to our weekly Chapel lessons.

Language Arts

Our kindergarten reading program is phonics-based with an emphasis on vocabulary development and beginning comprehension skills. Kindergartners learn letter names, sounds and how to blend sounds together to read words. Students develop a basic sight-word vocabulary, read short stories, and participate in oral reading and literature activities. The development of expressive language through oral language experiences is a highlight of our program. Our kindergartners experience rich literature and thematic units, including fun dress-up days. The literature is expanded through monthly author studies which include Laura Numeroff and H. A. Rey. Students are introduced to foundational writing skills, with instruction in basic punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. Training in sound-symbol relationships and developing spelling skills occurs in this foundational year. Correct letter formation and proper pencil grip are also established for strong writing habits.

History/Social Studies

Students begin the year learning about maps and globes, including oceans and continents. We "build" a neighborhood, complete with houses, to learn about community and transportation.

Directions, including left and right; north, south, east and west are learned. Kindergartners also learn about the various holidays and why we celebrate them. We gain knowledge about our first and sixteenth presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and we study many other great leaders while observing Black History. We study Ancient Egypt, the many changes that have occurred in history, and how they relate to us today. This study brings insight to our students about God's sovereign role in history, as well as in today's world. Biblical truths from God's Word, as well as the book, *The Story of the World* are used in this study of ancient civilizations.

Math

Students are taught to recognize God's order and design in Creation through numbers, shapes and patterns. At the kindergarten level, various hands-on activities are used to explore and understand each concept. Students learn about sorting, geometry, patterns, positions, numbers to 100, tables, graphs and fractions, addition and subtraction, money, time, measurement, place value with ones and tens and how to count by 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

The science curriculum is interactive and inspiring for the students, giving them an opportunity to explore God's world through many hands-on activities. We investigate various types of trees and leaves. The process of wood is followed as it travels from the tree to the factory, and into our lives. We learn about the creation of small animals by way of comparing and contrasting them, discovering their parts and learning how to handle God's animals gently. Kindergarten students gain knowledge and appreciate the wonders of the amazing world God has given us.