

Transitional Kindergarten



Bible

God's Word is the foundation of our Transitional Kindergarten curriculum and, it is integrated into the heart of all that we teach. We begin each school day with prayer and, throughout the day, teachings from the Bible are part of classroom studies, social activities, and discipline. Our Bible-based curriculum encourages students to think biblically as they practice Christ-like values and character traits. Class lessons explore Bible stories from Creation to Christ's Resurrection and students memorize nine Bible verses, which correlate with our monthly curriculum.

Language Arts

Our phonics-based language arts program is designed to strengthen pre-reading skills with an emphasis on beginning comprehension skills. Students learn letter names and sounds using Zoo Phonics along with training in phonetic relationships to help them blend sounds into words. As students participate in reading and literature activities, they also develop expressive language skills through rhyming and memory work. By creating their own stories, students are introduced to beginning writing skills and early reading concepts. Correct letter formation and proper pencil grip are also emphasized to promote strong writing habits.

History/Social Studies

Students begin the year learning about basic maps and globes, including concepts such as neighborhoods, cities, states and continents. Directions, including left and right; north, south, east and west are learned. TK students are introduced to God's timeline, along with historical figures, events and holidays. We learn about changes that have occurred in history, and how they relate to us today. Studying history brings insight to our students about God's Sovereign role in history, as well as in today's world. As part of social studies, students learn about voting and classroom decisions based on voting.

Math

Teaching our TK students about numbers, shapes and patterns also provides opportunities to demonstrate the order and design in God's Creation. As part of their math lessons, students learn about one-to-one correspondence and are taught to count and recognize numbers to 100. At this learning level, various hands-on activities are used to give students opportunities to explore and understand the foundation of concepts. Over the school year, students learn about patterns, graphing, matching, and sorting and simple math operations.

Science

Science gives students an opportunity to explore God's world through hands-on activities. Using an interactive curriculum, students investigate the weather and seasons, plants and insects and animal homes and habitats. Early level science skills are taught, including creating a hypothesis and documenting the results. And, when our TK students learn science by experiments and cooking, students often get to eat their science projects! As our students gain science knowledge, they also are gaining an appreciation of the wonders of the amazing world God has given to them.

Social Skills and Dramatic Play

The Transitional Kindergartener is in training as our youngest NorthCreek knight. Students are encouraged to listen, reply, use manners, and engage as learners. The TKers develop patience and awareness through daily interaction with their classmates as they play and explore. Playing is a critical part of the TK classroom and for child development. The dramatic play center hosts a new theme each month where students can pretend, imagine and be creative. Through play we promote higher level thinking, problem solving, taking turns, growing friendships, self-regulation and language development.