

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

RELIGION:

The students begin to explore God's Word first by learning about God and His creations. Through simple Bible stories and Scripture verses, the students learn to apply God's Word to everyday life. Visual aids, craft projects, and CD listening help enhance the Bible stories to make it come alive again for the children. The students are taught how to pray, both individually and as a group, learning that they can communicate directly with God. Praying together, singing together, and worshipping together help the children understand that they are all part of God's family. A simple Bible verse is memorized each week.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

The entire year is spent on letter recognition and learning letter sounds. The child learns how to form the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet and how these letters blend together to form words. Phonetic reading is taught through hard consonant and short vowel sounds. Oral language experiences, comprehension and other reading strategies needed for decoding and understanding words and sentences are stressed through experience-based learning. Forty high frequency words are taught as a foundation for basic reading skills.

MATH:

The current curriculum that is being used is Common Core aligned. Kindergartners use models, manipulatives, pictures and symbols to build mathematical understanding. Students learn to count and write numbers to twenty, count by tens, addition and subtraction through ten, two and three dimensional shapes, measurement, sorting and classifying data.

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES:

Kindergarten uses *Scholastic News* along with various trade books to learn about current events, the wonders of God's world, and being a good citizen. The students learn about safety and community helpers in our neighborhoods. We also learn about our five senses, seasons, weather, good health, plants, animals and insects.

MUSIC

Students will experience music by singing, playing instruments, moving, playing games and listening to various musical styles. They will be introduced to the concepts of beat, pitch, form, rhythm, expression, and note reading while developing an appreciation for music and their own musical abilities. All students are given opportunities to praise God as they learn to express their musical gifts to His glory through worship, special presentations, and classroom activities.