K4 CURRICULUM GUIDE





WE CHALLENGE & INSPIRE

Bible

Using Summit Ministries' Walking in Truth curriculum, students examine their Christian worldview by answering "big questions" about God, the universe, human beings, truth, and morality. The Bible survey component focuses on the book of Acts. Each week our K4-6th graders memorize Scripture or a Gospel Foundation (question/answer) and learn how to apply that truth to their lives. Since all students in the lower school have the same memory work, it allows our families to learn and grow together as they memorize. Using the Jesus Storybook Bible, students learn 44 fundamental Bible stories through hands-on activities, creative arts, singing, and prayer. Each week our K4-6th graders memorize Scripture or a Gospel Foundation (question/answer) and learn how to apply that truth to their lives. Since all students in the lower school have the same memory work, it allows our families to learn and grow together as they memorize.

Reading, Writing, and Math

Students deepen their mastery of reading and writing as they study the intricacies of the English language. Class novels and Literature Circles form the basis for critical analysis of story elements and themes. Various modes of communication are explored in depth as students compose essays and write letters and emails. The year is completed with the development and delivery of a speech as part of the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. ABeka Phonics and Learning Without Tears Letters and Numbers are implemented by using small group center instruction coupled with whole group handson activities. These help to lay the foundation for letter, sound, and number recognition. Students are expected to have mastery of letter and number formation. With a smaller class size, and an aide to co-teach, we can reach each student individually in laying a foundation for the academic concepts of Transitional and Traditional Kindergarten. All K4-4th grade students write and present their own book during our Young Author's Day.

Specials

Students participate in Art, STEM, Music, Spanish, PE, Library, and Enrichment along with other all campus events and activities such as Spanish Heritage Celebration, Grandparents Day, and Young Authors Day.

Technology	As an Apple certified school, technology resources are used to enhance learning and equip students for use and management of electronic devices regarding education and beyond. In K4, our tools include the Promethean Board Technology, 1-1 iPads, Seesaw, and Scholastic digital learning resources.
Fostering a Faith that Sticks	Our students not only learn the Bible but apply it to their lives to be the hands and feet of Jesus, with the goal of equipping students to transform the world for Christ and His Kingdom. Students practice using the Fruit of the Spirit and praying on their own to develop Christ-like leadership.
THE HEARTBEAT OF K4	Students have the opportunity to have a Christ-centered early childhood experience on the lower school campus. They experience Farm Day where live animals visit, and they spend the morning doing farm chores and activities on our campus. Counting by I's and 10's to 100 is introduced with the 101 Day of School celebration where they dress up like puppies and enjoy many fun dog-like learning activities. At Christmas each year they serve E.S.T.H.E.R, single mothers' outreach, by wrapping gifts and packaging snack bags for families in need.