

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM GUIDE



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<i>Bible</i>	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.
<i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	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. Using Open Court curriculum, students learn letter fluency, special sounds, reading comprehension strategies, grammar, and 65 sight words. Multisensory Orton-Gillingham program is implemented to enhance foundational reading skills. Students read in teacher-led small groups differentiated by ability level weekly. They also use the Learning Without Tears curriculum for handwriting.
<i>Writing</i>	Students engage in writing activities that use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing. They are expected to have mastery of basic writing and grammar skills within a sentence. Students will be proficient in presenting information both written and orally using complete sentences and in chronological order. All K4-4th grade students write and present their own book during our Young Author's Day.
<i>Math</i>	Big Ideas Curriculum emphasizes the application of mathematics to real-world situations through technology, manipulatives, and small groups coupled with whole group hands-on activities. Numbers, skills, and mathematics concepts are initially presented in isolation for mastery, but are linked to situations and contexts that are relevant to everyday life. Kindergarten launches the year with recognizing and forming numbers and lays the foundation for addition and subtraction. Students are expected to have addition-facts fluency to number five.

<i>Science</i>	Students use The Building Blocks of Science curriculum to study three units; “Weather and Sky”, “Push, Pull and Go”, and “Living Things and Their Needs”. Students are introduced to Bessbugs that they can hold and observe. They also incubate and hatch chicken eggs in each classroom to learn about the life cycle and needs of chicks.
<i>Social Studies</i>	Using Scholastic “Let’s Find Out” magazines, students discuss and learn about the world they live in such as fire safety, community helpers, Martin Luther King, Jr., Veteran’s Day, President’s Day, and lessons in social emotional skills.
<i>Technology</i>	As an Apple certified school, technology resources are used to enhance learning and equip students for use and management of electronic devices with regard to education and beyond. Each student has an iPad in the classroom to differentiate learning through the Seesaw, Splashlearn, and Starfall apps. We also use the interactive Promethean board to make whole group lessons more fun and exciting.
<i>Fostering a Faith that Sticks</i>	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 are given an opportunity to use and practice Christian character including Christ-like conflict resolution and forgiveness. Our goal is to point the students to Christ when we study any of our subjects throughout the day and to give them opportunities to serve and share the love of Christ with others.
<i>We Lead</i>	Kindergarten students learn responsibility and how to serve their fellow classmates through their classroom job each week.
THE HEARTBEAT OF KINDERGARTEN	A highlight of the Kindergarten year is the Q & U wedding where the students dress up and participate in a beautiful wedding to learn that the letters q and u are together in most words. The students participate in a Thanksgiving play, which is followed by a family feast at a local park. Our students look forward to developing relationships in our weekly Reading Buddies with 3rd grade. Kindergarten is a year of tremendous growth academically, socially, and spiritually, and we count it a blessing to love and encourage them as they grow. Other activities include Pumpkin Book Reports, Planting in the Kinder“garden”, 100th Day of School, and Kindergarten Graduation. In-school field trips include Healthy Herb, Orlando Science Center, and the Central Florida Zoo. Off-campus field trips include Southern Hill Farms and Oviedo Aquatic Complex.