

# KINDERGARTEN

## Core Classes

- Bible
  - We are committed to the study of God's Word in all our subjects and its application to our lives as the foundation for living a joyful, victorious Christian life. Daily Bible class is an important part of spiritual development at FCS. We ultimately desire that every student discovers and strengthens a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and develops a biblical worldview.
  - Students read and study the Bible, sing Bible songs, memorize Scripture verses and discuss Christian character and missions.
  - Topics studied during Bible class include:
    - Gospel message through the Wordless book
    - Creation
    - Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua
    - Life of Christ
    - Paul
    - Missionary stories
  - All parents are welcome to attend our chapels for worship and sharing about God's Word and its application to our lives.
- Language Arts
  - Kindergarten begins the year with practice in listening, rhyming and sentence concepts. Students are then exposed to new letters and sounds every week and learn how to recognize, write, sound out and blend with other letters in order to read and write words. Students practice reading skills in small groups during the second part of the year. Vocabulary-building and comprehension skills are integrated throughout the program.
  - Daily objectives and activities are designed to give students opportunities to practice reading, speaking and writing in order to become effective communicators.
- Social Studies
  - Students study foundational concepts in American culture, including Pilgrims and Native Americans, historical figures, community helpers, and geography and maps skills. The continent study is Australia.
- Science
  - The study of God's world through science is exciting and full of opportunities for us to know our Creator and Lord. Units studied include light; states of matter; the underground; plants; sun, moon and stars; animals; nutrition; weather; seasons; senses; and care of the body.
- Mathematics
  - Students learn about many concepts including position and sorting, graphing and patterns, numbers and number patterns through 100, measurement, time and money, geometry and fractions, and basic addition and subtraction.

## **Extracurricular**

- Physical Education
  - Offered once each week, students learn to appreciate the amazing abilities of the human body and are taught the importance of caring for the body. Also, students build skills in team and individual sports.
- Fine Arts
  - Including music and art, our fine arts programs are held weekly. Music builds skills in the areas of rhythm, melody, tone color and harmony. Art students develop the foundational elements of line, shape, space, texture and color.
- Library
  - Students attend weekly library class where they learn how to use a library as well as explore many literary topics such as the parts of a book, authors and illustrators, listening skills, genres, research skills and overall literature appreciation.
- Computer
  - Students receive training in hardware and technology basics, digital citizenship, research skills, word processing and presentation application. They explore various venues that are available to create digital projects and the methods they practice are used the classroom to enhance the learning of curriculum. Students train and practice using digital resources safely, ethically, and morally to impact our world for Jesus Christ.
- Field Trips and Special Events
  - Field trips and special events are also a major part of our curriculum and are coordinated with the current curriculum units. These include Visual Arts Celebration, Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, Field Day, and Flat Stanley projects. Field trips include Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, the Fredericksburg fire station, and Friends of the Rappahannock.