

CURRICULUM GUIDES

PreK-4

Pre-Kindergarten 4

This curriculum overview has been prepared to assist you in gaining an understanding of what students at this grade level are taught. The preschool staff is committed to offering a loving, nurturing educational program.

We hope you find the information helpful in answering your questions. For more detail, we encourage you to talk with the campus office.



What is curriculum, and why is it important for you to know anything about it? Is it really all that helpful for you, as a parent, to know what is being taught?

Curriculum is described as “what we teach” while instruction is described as “how we teach it.” The distinction of the Christian school, however, is found in the one element that is central to both these concepts—the Bible. Our biblically-integrated curriculum provides children with an early foundation in the Word of God and imparts wholesome Christian concepts. We teach Christian values and introduce children and families to Jesus Christ and a personal relationship with Him.

The curriculum is developed specifically for young learners: keeping them actively involved in the learning process, focusing on their individual needs, interests and learning styles, and also providing them with opportunities which spur the development of their individual gifts and abilities. Teachers use theme-based instruction incorporating a hands-on approach in daily teaching, and learning centers are an integral part of the classroom experience.

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Fine Motor Skills

The curriculum provides instruction and practice for fine motor skills development.

- Hold/use crayons
- Hold/use pencil
- Hold/use scissors
- Paint
- Glue
- Assemble puzzles
- Work play dough
- String beads
- Manipulate small pieces
- Manipulate zippers
- Manipulate buttons
- Manipulate snaps

Gross Motor Skills

The curriculum offers a variety of opportunities for gross motor skills development.

- Walk up/down stairs (alternating feet)
- Walk forward and backward
- Run
- Jump in place (two feet together)
- Balance (left foot, right foot)
- Hop (one foot, two feet)
- Throw a large ball forward
- Kick a large ball forward
- Catch a large ball
- Bounce a large ball
- Take part in games

Practical Skills

Through teacher instruction, the curriculum gives the opportunity for students to learn practical skills.

- Can say first and last names
- Know how old he/she is
- Can recognize and point to body parts



Field Trips and Special Events

Field Trips

Classes go on field trips that coordinate with their curriculum units:

- Pumpkin Patch
- Others that vary year to year

Special Events/Enrichment Activities

Curriculum offers a variety of classroom enrichment activities including:

- Christmas Chapel
- Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day
- End-of-the-Year Chapel
- Family Picnic at the end of the year

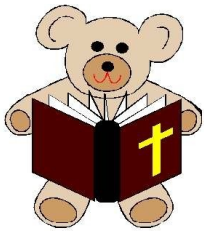


Christian Education

The Bible curriculum uses age-appropriate examples of biblical truths and character qualities and is integrated into the daily activities and lessons. The students practice a weekly Bible verse that they also take home to share with their family.

Topics studied include:

- The Wordless Book
- Creation
- Old Testament Stories
- New Testament Stories
- The Birth of Christ
- The Life of Christ
- The Crucifixion
- The Resurrection
- Spreading the Gospel
- The Second Coming
- The New Jerusalem



Chapels

Chapels are age appropriate. Parents and families are encouraged to join us.

- Classes share a song at chapel
- Students are presented chapel awards
- Guest speakers share
- Special Chapels include Christmas, Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day and End-of-the-Year

Social/Emotional Skills

Through teacher-guided instruction and example, the students are taught the appropriate social and emotional skills.

- Accept and respond to the teacher's authority
- Show respect and concern for people and things around them
- Play and share cooperatively with other children
- Have a good self-image
- Have appropriate control over their feelings
- Identify human feelings (sad, happy, etc)

Self-Reliance Skills

Through teacher instruction, the students will be encouraged to become more independent.

- Can go to the bathroom alone
- Learn to dress him/herself
- Learn to be responsible for personal items
- Make good use of free time

Work Habits

Through teacher observation, the students are evaluated on the development of appropriate work habits.

- Follow routines independently
- Follow directions
- Work well within small groups
- Work without disturbing others
- Seek only his/her share of the teacher's attention

Listening Skills

The curriculum and classroom interaction give the students the opportunity to strengthen their listening skills.

- Listen quietly to stories
- Listen while others speak
- Lengthen attention span
- Respond to a story by answering questions

Speaking Skills

At circle time, story time, and during teacher and peer interaction, the students will be encouraged to strengthen their speaking skills.

- Speak clearly
- Communicate in sentences
- Answer some questions
- Wait for a turn when speaking in a group
- Use language to communicate wants and desires
- Expand vocabulary

Math Readiness

The curriculum provides instruction and practice of math readiness skills.

- Rote count correctly as high as possible
- Recognize some numbers
- Name some numbers
- Identify size differences (big, little)
- Sequence different sizes (small, smaller, smallest)
- Categorize objects (shape, color, size, texture)

Reading Readiness

The reading curriculum is based on a phonemic and phonics approach. The children receive instruction and practice of readiness skills to prepare them to be readers.

- Say the alphabet by rote memory
- Lower case alphabet:
 - ◇ Identify some letter names
 - ◇ Produce some letter sounds
- Upper case alphabet:
 - ◇ Identify some letter names
 - ◇ Produce some letter sounds
- Print first name
- Recognize eight colors
- Identify likenesses/differences
- Know some opposite words (hot/cold)
- Know some position orientation words (top/bottom)

Music/Art/Science Social Studies Readiness Skills

The curriculum provides activities that encourage music, art, science and social studies readiness skills.

- Participate in music activities
- Participate in art activities
- Participate in science activities
- Participate in social studies activities

