

# KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

## Literacy Skills

- The children will be exposed to a variety of children's literature through:
  - books read aloud daily
  - silent reading
  - books with repetition and patterns
  - poems, rhymes, songs
  - books on CDs
  - class made books
  - computer games
- The children will have opportunities to reinforce oral language skills through:
  - show and tell
  - read familiar books
  - participation in games and activities
  - discussion of current events
- The children will understand and follow directions
- The children will understand:
  - position words
  - same vs. different
  - opposites
  - rhyming words
  - ordinal words
- The children will build phonemic awareness by:
  - taking one letter at a time to recognize and identify the discrete sound each consonant and vowel represents
  - conduct sound sorts
  - learn to blend letter sounds
- The children will develop print awareness:
  - printing lower and upper case letters
  - printing first and last name
  - journal writing
  - using left to right progression and top to bottom direction

## Math Skills

- The children will be learning about:
  - Sort and count
  - Patterns
  - Counting and recognizing numbers to 100 (by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s)
  - Writing numbers to 20
  - Graphing
  - Measurements
  - Identify ordinal numbers (1st—5th)
  - Money (pennies, nickels and dimes)
  - Addition & subtraction readiness
  - Calendar skills
  - Telling time to the hour

## Art & Music

Art is used in a variety of different ways and done through all the course studies.

Music is offered twice a week. There are Christmas and Spring Programs held each school year.

## Social Studies

- The children will discuss the following topics:
  - Rules
  - All About Me
  - School Friends
  - Families
  - Neighbors
  - Holidays throughout the year
  - America
  - Pledge of Allegiance

## Religion

- The children will discover God's love for them through:
  - Experiences of being loved by others
  - Seeing the beauty of God's creation
  - Understanding that God made all things because He loves us
  - Recognize and respect differences in others
  - Recognize that they are a unique creation and a special child of God
- To help children meet Jesus by providing New Testament images of Jesus
- To help children form a habit of prayer
- To help children shape attitudes of justice and peace
- To learn about heroes of the Bible
- To help children respect life
- Introduction of attending Mass with the school community
- Learn about the miracles Jesus performed

## Physical Education

Developing the physical health of all students is accomplished through a variety of units and activities that are different and appropriate for each grade level.

In addition to learning the importance of physical health, students develop leadership skills, a sense of fair play, and tolerance of individual skills and abilities of one another.

## Science

- The children will become aware of:
  - Seasons and weather
  - Animals and their homes
  - Plants
  - Landforms