

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