

# KINDERGARTEN

## QuickFacts



Kindergarten is an exciting year that is ripe for exploration. Students will practice habits of courtesy, kindness, cooperation, and self-control. They'll master the building blocks of math and even learn to read, a skill that will unlock a new world of knowledge to them! They will be filled up with beautiful words through stories and poems as well as the memorization of Scripture and poetry as we promote the joyful discovery through a Christian worldview.

### Subjects We Study

#### PHONOGRAMS/ READING

- Spell to Read and Write
- Riggs Phonograms which teach all the sounds each letter can make
- Read BOB books independently (or more challenging material as needed individually)
- Basic grammar lessons

#### SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

- Use the Riggs method for foundational spelling and grammar work

#### WRITING AND RHETORIC

- Handwriting Zaner-Bloser manuscript
- Learn to form letters correctly via handwriting lessons
- Become proficient in memorizing and reciting in front of the class (Scripture, Catechism Questions, and poetry)

#### DRAWING

- Step-by-step lessons on how to draw simple line drawings which are an exercise in listening and following directions as well as an artistic endeavor

#### POETRY

- Listen to classic poems by poets like Robert Louis Stephenson, A.A. Milne, Mother Goose, etc...
- Memorize and recite classic poems

#### MATH

- Math In Focus (Singapore Math Method) with math manipulatives
- Develop "number sense"
- Skills include counting, skip counting, comparing, sorting, ordering, adding, subtracting, measuring, and forming numbers correctly
- Other concepts include size, length, weight, position, shapes, and money values
- Calendar skills

#### SCIENCE/ NATURAL HISTORY

- Through unit studies we learn more about the amazing world God made such as insects, trees, pumpkins, and clouds

### History Cycle

*THE STORY OF THE WORLD: ANCIENT YEARS AND HANDS ON NATURAL HISTORY*

### Bible Cycle

- 365 BIBLE STORIES FOR YOUNG HEARTS
- CATECHISM QUESTIONS 1-15

### Fine Arts and PE

- WEEKLY MUSIC CLASSES (TWICE A WEEK)
- WEEKLY ART CLASSES (ONCE A WEEK)
- DAILY RECESS

EXAMPLES OF

#### BOOKS WE READ

*Make Way for Duckling*  
*The Little Red Hen*  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit*  
*Winnie the Pooh*  
*The Wind and the Willows*  
*The Cricket in Times Square*  
*The Velveteen Rabbit*

EXAMPLES OF

#### PIECES WE RECITE

"The Swing"  
by Robert Louis Stephenson  
"Halfway Down"  
by A.A. Milne  
"The Wind"  
by Christina Rossetti  
"Oliphant"  
by J.R.R. Tolkien  
"A Word"  
by Emily Dickinson

### Class Traditions to Look Forward to

**FALL FIELD TRIP:** Students will enjoy a pumpkin patch, games, and more on this seasonal field trip.

**THANKSGIVING FEAST:** We celebrate with family and give thanks to God for all our blessings.

**100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION:** All activities all day long center around the #100.

**KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION:** On this special day, parents are invited to come and celebrate with students the completion of kindergarten in May with a short recitation, certificates, food, and fellowship.

*Mrs. Pendergrass strives to instill a love for learning in her students. She seeks to challenge her students' minds and hearts to see truth, goodness, and beauty in the natural world around them, and she cannot wait to begin the journey with you!*