

Kindergarten Course Descriptions

Bible

Text: Bible Flash-A-Card Series by A Beka Publishers

As a Christian School we believe Christ should be the center of education and our lives. Not only is the Bible a class, but it is integrated into every subject. We will be covering the life of Christ. The students will also learn a verse for every letter of the alphabet as well as many fun Christian songs.

Math

Text: Math by A Beka Book

We have a hands-on approach to math in kindergarten. Number recognition and counting are basics, but the students are exposed to many other concepts as well. Some of these are shapes, patterns, money, clocks, addition, story problems and subtraction.

Art

In art the student will work with several medias - paint, crayon, dough, markers, ink, pencil, and chalk. The student will work on tracing, cutting, gluing, and coloring.

Social Studies

In Kindergarten, social studies is more social awareness. The student will be exposed to many familiar things and discussions will create more understanding. For example, the importance and responsibilities of community helpers such as policemen. They will also discuss places around the world and how other children just like them play, eat, and live.

Phonics

Text: Letters and Sounds K by A Beka Book

Phonics is the approach we take to teaching reading. A phonetic sound is given to each letter. The consonants are then blended with each of the five vowels and a final consonant added to form one vowel words. The long vowels are introduced as well as the two vowel rule. Many sight words as exceptions to rules and special sounds (consonant blends) are also introduced.

Spelling

Text: Spelling by A Beka Book

We use phonics to individually sound out and write the name of each letter. When phonetic sounds are joined with writing skills, each student is able to spell words. By the end of K5, they will be able to spell one and two vowel words.

Writing

Text: My Cursive Tablet and Writing with Phonics by A Beka Books

As the student learns each of the basic alphabet sounds, he is simultaneously learning cursive formation. Later in the year, they combine these letter to write blends, phrases, and finally sentences. Cursive is taught in Kindergarten, re-taught at a more rapid pace in First grade, and reviewed, fine-tuned and mastered in Second grade.

Reading

Text: Reading K by A Beka Book

Reading is the practice and application of skills taught in phonics class. We read several books which contain one vowel words and many which contain one and two vowel words as well as special sounds, sight words, and some exceptions.

Elementary Music

Students will learn the basics of music. This includes steady beat, pitch, principles of rhythm, and basic music theory. They will learn to play rhythm instruments, and upper grades will learn the recorder. Students will prepare a Christmas program, and older students will prepare for T.A.C.S. Competition.

Physical Education

We believe that many healthy habits are developed as children. The students will do activities which teach sharing, following directions, taking turns, team-play, and sportsmanship. Physical Education is vital at this ages to develop listening skills as well as fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination.

Science

Text: God's World by A Beka Book

In Science class, each student is given a book which emphasizes God's plan in everything. The following categories are taught along with fun activity pages: The five senses, weather, seasons, seeds, animals, and the seashore. By the end of the year, it is our goal that they not only know subject matter, but they know of God's hand in His world.

Skills Development

Working puzzles, finishing pictures with missing pieces, and finding hidden things in pictures helps to sharpen visual discrimination. Listening skills are exercised by completing riddles, following directions, listening to stories, and answering questions.